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THE NEW ELITE CAFE TO OPEN SOON

The Palacial House of Messrs. Jones and Codozoe to be Among the Finest in the United States.

MRS. IRENE GAINES AND CARY B. LEWIS WIN!

More than Two Thousand People Attended the Fifth Annual Literary Contest at Bethel A. M. E. Church Last Sunday Afternoon, where a Rare Treat of Oratory was in Store for All who Attended—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hold Sessions During the Week—Dr. H. Reginald Smith Returns.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., (Special).

Have you engaged reservations for the opening of the New Elite Cafe No. 2? Has it entered your mind that this occasion will be one of the biggest events of the year 1915? Between January 15th and 20th, the Elite No. 2, 3445 State street, will open its doors to the public. This classic and beautiful cafe will be the finest, most pretentious, most modern and convenient place in the United States, owned and operated by our people. The proprietors, Messrs. Henry Jones and Arthur Codozoe, are two of the most popular business men in the city. It has long been the dream of these gentlemen to give the public a cafe that leads all the rest from the Lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This dream has been realized; it is an actuality. Chicago will now stand out prominently as the one city that now has cafe comparable to Rector's, Sherry's and Vogelsang's.

The Society Center.

Elite No. 2 will be the social and society center of Chicago. The brilliant, cozy and illuminating dining-room will be used by the best people of the city to entertain their guests and friends. The central location of the cafe will assure its success. Undoubtedly every evening in the week they will be compelled to put out the "standing room only" sign. Special attention will be given to after theatre parties, dinners and luncheons. One prominent lady in social circles said: "I expect to see the best dressed and most fashionable women in the city patronizing the New Elite." Delegates to the Elks' convention, national fraternal organizations, leagues and 50th Anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negro will find the Elite to be the paradise for high class entertainment and amusement.

Music and Entertainers.

Messrs. Jones and Codozoe have established a reputation for having the best entertainment in Chicago. The best orchestra to be obtained will furnish the music to the patrons of the Elite. Divine and enchanting music from the classic composers will be heard and the ragtime that is so popular among all Americans will move you to tears of joy. There will be soloists who can exalt each joy, allay each grief and expel the pain—the music here will make you feel like you were listening to a grand opera—the next minute to high class vaudeville. The orchestra and soloists will be trained men and women and their harmony and golden tongues will make the air vibrate with sweetness and enchantment.

Appointments Perfect.

The appointments are perfect. The exterior is beautiful white tile; two entrances, one for the buffet and the other for the cafe. The tile floors, handsome furniture made especially for the Elite, brilliant electric lights, modern conveniences for the guests, will outclass any buffet in the country. Wine, which brings to light the secret soul, and other beverages that create mirth and laughter, inspires the young, makes weariness forget its toil, will be served in the especially built room on the first floor. Prompt and polite service will be guaranteed by the management and the room will be in charge of an experienced man to immediately look after the wants of the patróns and a ladies' maid who, with exquisite politeness, will serve the gentle sex.

Dining Room.

This room seemingly is the hobby of the genial proprietors, for it is evident that great stress was laid on the appointments. This is entered through a double storm door to a hallway that is the prettiest ever seen in this section of the country. The hallway leads to the cafe and the stairway to the dining room. Only a few flights lead you to this imposing room where feasts and viands will be served. The decorations which are being designed will be a thing of beauty, while the bay windows fronting State street will add to the attraction of this palatial room. Just to the rear will be a kitchen in which will be found an expert Chinese culinarist and his assistant. Sea food, birds, steaks of all kinds and everything in the seasons' market and the Chinese dish will be served. From early afternoon until 1 o'clock a. m. the dining room is expected to be crowded. Here will be seen the husband, the wife, the sweetheart and friends, the thoughtful and gay, all mingling individually and enjoying the delicious menu with nectar and wines.

Public Appreciation.

There is no doubt that the public will appreciate Elite No. 2 Messrs. Jones and Codozoe have such a keen sense of appreciation of the public's demand for a high class place that in the Elite No. 2, they are presenting to the citizens of Chicago the finest place in America. Their munificence and public spirit will be well repaid by immense throngs, and strangers who come to Chicago will doubtless find this the show place along the "stroll." Thirty-fifth and State street is fast becoming the mecca for the cream de la cream of the city.

Messrs. Jones and Codozoe.

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Mrs. Irene Gaines and Cary B. Lewis Win.

Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines and Cary B. Lewis were winners in the Prize Winners' Contest at Bethel Literary Contest Sunday. Over 2,000 people attended the fifth annual essay contest at Bethel church, which was held under the auspices of the literary of which Mr. B. W. Fitts is president.

CARY B. LEWIS.

"The Best Solution of the Race Problem in the United States of America," was the subject, and papers were delivered by Frank Henry, Cary B. Lewis, Joseph Marshall, Miss Leonora T. Curtis and Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines. Only those who had previously won prizes were eligible to the contest on Sunday. Mrs. Gaines' average was 88, Miss Curtis 84 and Mr. Lewis 82. A prize for male and female was offered and Mrs. Gaines won the prize for the lady and Mr. Lewis for the man. The papers were marked on knowledge of the subject, composition and delivery. Major John R. Lynch, Major R. R. Jackson, Attorney Albert George, Dr. M. J. Brown and Mr. Fulkner were judges. The diamond rings were given by Dr. Louie B. Usellman, 3150 State street. A very fine program was rendered, and Mrs. T. A. Smythe rendered "I Kow That My Redeemer Liveth." This solo was one of the finest rendered ever heard in Bethel church. Mrs. Smythe possesses a sweet voice, trained to the finger tips, and the vast audience showed its appreciation by liberally applauding. Mr. Cooper, another favorite, rendered a tenor solo, "Pour d'Armour," and the chorus, under Mme. Eudora Fisher Lockett, which rendered "The Rosary" and "Annie Laurie," received generous applause. Mr. J. E. Mitchem, who is a trained speaker, a graduate of Fisk University, told of the aim and object of the literary and what it meant to the young people of the city as a literary inspiration and helpfulness. Miss Ethel Minor rendered the piano solo, "Cantique d'Armour." It was the grandest contest yet held in this church. Mr. Fitts, the manager, deserves great credit for his untiring energy in these contests and especially the way in which the papers were marked and decisions rendered. Mrs. Gaines and Mr. Lewis are being besieged by clubs and churches to read their papers at some future date.

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Greek Letter Society to Meet Here.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will meet in this city December 29th to 31st. The Theta Chapter will entertain the visitors. The members of the chapter here are students of Northwestern, Chicago, and other higher institutions. At the convention the question of accepting applications for chapter representations in Negro schools of the South, rated in the Carnegie Foundation, will come up for consideration. The Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest Greek letter fraternity among Negro students.

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Dr. H. Reginald Smith Returns.

Dr. H. Reginald Smith has returned to the city after being abroad for six months. Dr. Smith was at the Royal Medical University of London, England, and returned to the city Saturday. An interview will appear in these columns next week. Dr. Smith has an office at 3401 State street and he will be pleased to see all his old friends and patrons.

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Mr. Lucius Smith Coming.

Mr. Lucius Smith, of Lexington, Ky., father-in-law of Dr. Leonard Lewis, will be in the city this week the guest of his daughter, 3737 Rhodes avenue. Mr. Smith is president of the Lexington Fair Association and one of the wealthiest men in the Blue Grass section. He will be highly entertained while in the Windy City.

REV. WILLIAM BECKHAM DEAD.

Was Field Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 20.—After an illness covering several months, Rev. William Beckham, D. D., of this city, died in Independence, Mo., this morning. This news was flashed over the wires by Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., who was well known to Doctor Beckham. Doctor Beckham was field secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, a position he had held for more than a dozen years. He was born in Zebulon, Pike County, Georgia, April 26, 1866, but moved to Texas with his parents when quite a youngster. He was ordained as a Baptist minister November 23, 1891, at Albany, Texas, by a presbytery of the First Baptist Church of that place composed of Rev. C. H. Chinn, moderator; Rev. H. Maxie, clerk, and Revs. J. Coples and S. DeJennett. He pastored in Texas for some years, after which he was a missionary under Rev. R. H. Boyd, who was at that time superintendent of missions of the General Baptist Convention of Texas. Doctor Beckham afterward succeeded Doctor Boyd, when Doctor Boyd came to Tennessee to start the publishing house. After working for several years in Texas, he became field secretary of the Publishing and Home Mission Boards in 1902, workng with Doctor Boyd. When the boards were separated last September, the Publishing Board elected Doctor Beckham as its field secretary, and it was while on his first trip of the fiscal year that he took his fatal illness. Dr. R. H. Boyd requested that the remains be brought to Nashville. The funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church of this city, where the deceased was a member, but at this early hour no definite arrangements have been made.

LIVE WIRE NEWS FROM ARDMORE, OKLA.

The banquet given at the Odd Fellows hall by the Walker Sisters was quite nice. Everybody was out in full dress. Music was furnished by Mr. Lee Pugh.

The original two-story Mose, who was a drawing card at the Dreamland Theatre, left for Oklahoma City.

Mr. T. J. Currie made his wife a present of a fine piano.

Messrs. Charlie Smith, Emmett Allen, Sammie Lane are here to spend the holidays.

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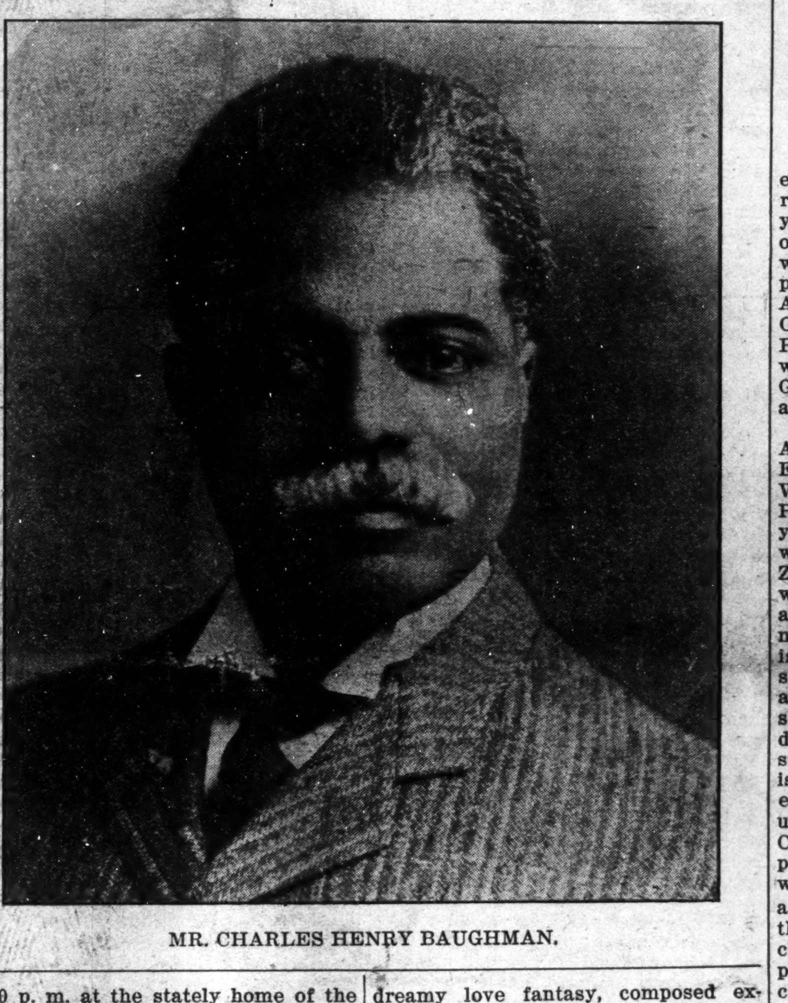
THE REIGNING SOCIETY EVENT.

Miss Rosa Belle Childs Married to Charles Henry Baughman, of Indianapolis—A Notable Wedding Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The reigning society event of the holiday season and far-and-away the most notable wedding ceremonial that the nation's capital has known in recent years was the marriage of Miss Rosa Belle Childs, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Creed Winston Childs, and Mr. Charles Henry Baughman, of Indianapolis, Ind., which took place today at 2:30 p. m. at the stately home of the bride's parents, 1911 L street northwest.

The double parlors were tastefully decorated with flowers, potted plants, holly, mistletoe, evergreen and tinsel. Over an improvised altar was a canopy of greens and white roses and wedding bells. The bridal party, entering the parlors, was led by the two matrons of honor, Mrs. Elnora Kincaid Bell, of Louisville, Ky., cousin of the groom, and Mrs. Catherine B. Armstead, of Indianapolis, Ind., sister of the groom. Then came the two bridemaids, Miss Lillian L. Moore and Miss Gertrude V. Bachus, of Richmond, Va., followed by the maid of honor, Miss Beatrice O. Childs, sister of the bride; Master Roger B. Chaney, uniquely clad, bore the ring in a gold basket. The flower girls were little Misses Clementine Elizabeth Murphy, of Baltimore, and Alexina Todd. They were daintily dressed in white and carried baskets of rose petals, which they strewed in the pathway of the bride.

The groom, handsome and debonair, appeared from the reception hall, accompanied by Dr. Joseph H. Ward, of Indianapolis, Ind., who acted as "best man." The bride, an acknowledged belle of a community famous for its beautiful ladies, never looked so sweet in all her life, entered with her father, who gave her away, with affectionate dignity. From the beginning of the procession, Miss Lucy J. Moton had been playing Mendelssohn's tuneful wedding march from "Lohengrin," but as the Rev. D. F. Rivers, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, began the impressive marital services, she rendered with appropriate inflections a dreamy love fantasy, composed expressly for this occasion, continuing it to the end of the ceremony. By a peculiar coincidence, as the last words of Dr. Rivers had been said, following a particularly fervent prayer by Rev. W. J. Howard, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, the chimes on the mantel near by rang out sweetly the hour of three, and fittingly closed the sacred rites that made Miss Childs and Mr. Baughman "one" for life.



MR. CHARLES HENRY BAUGHMAN.

MRS. ROSA BELLE CHILDS-BAUGHMAN.

"What the ladies wore" is always a subject of infinite interest on an occasion of this kind. The bride was the center of attraction, charmingly attired in an ivory duchess satin, with overdress of brocaded cut velvet on chiffon, trimmings of pearl and rhinestones. Her veil of embroidered imported tulle, was worn off the face and was supported by a lace coronet, artistically arranged over the coiffure, with lily of the valley trimmings. The only jewel worn was an exquisite lavaliere of diamonds and pearls, set in

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NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald E. Peters, Formerly of Cambridge, Mass., Sail Under Zion's Colors for Africa.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON VISITS THIS CITY.

N. B. Allen of Yale University, Passes Through the City Enroute to Chicago to Attend a Convention of College Men—Bishop Walters Spends the Holidays at His Episcopal Residence, "The Haven of Rest"—Yale's Honor Graduate to Speak Along with Governor Whitman—Prof. Pickens to Speak.

Allen's National News Bureau, 252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It is interesting to see the spirit of self-sacrifice that is possessing many of our young people in christian work. One of the growing signs is the readiness with which many of our young people are answering the call to Africa. Among the latest recruits to the Dark Continent is Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Peters, formerly of Cambridge, Mass., who on last Wednesday sailed for the Gold Coast where they go as missionaries.

They go as representatives of the A. M. E. Zion church and of the New England conference of which Bishop Walters is the head. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are two of the most beloved young couple of the Zion church, and were members of the Rush A. M. E. Zion church of Cambridge. They were ardent workers in that church, and the church will lose two of its most influential workers. Mrs. Peters is a graduate of the English high school of Cambridge, and won a scholarship to Boston University of which she did not accept. She taught Sunday school, and was for sometime superintendent of the Buds of Promise. For the past years she has been engaged in social settlement work under the direction of the Eastend Christian Union. Mr. Peters was a practicing lawyer of Cambridge and was doing well in his profession. Mr. and Mrs. Peters will take charge of the connectional school of the Zion church. Mr. Peters will serve as principal and Mrs. Peters will have charge of the girls. They plan to be gone about three years. When seen at the residence of Bishop Walters last week these young people were enthusiastic over their journey. Mr. Peters was ordained last Sunday by Bishop Walters.

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Booker T. Here.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the world-famed educator and who was voted by the American a few months ago as one of the ten greatest men of America, was in this section the latter part of the month. Dr. Washington was on his annual pilgrimage to this city. As usual the busy man who has made an international reputation, and whose building up of Tuskegee is one of the marvels of the age, came to this city with many engagements ahead of him. Dr. Washington when he is in the East never fails to say a word of encouragement to his race. He spoke before a large meeting of colored citizens at the Lafayette Presbyterian church in Jersey City, under the Committee of One Hundred, one of the most influential bodies of men of the race in this city. On Wednesday evening December 11 he addressed the members of the Wednesday evening club of Newark, N. J., one of the most influential white movements in this New Jersey city. While in New York Dr. Washington stopped at the Biltmore hotel. He gave out an interview to the daily newspapers of this city in which he told of the effect the war would have on the crops of the colored farmers of the South. The educator also made his annual appeal through the newspapers for the unfortunate members of the race in the South who are looking forward to Christmas cheer. It is this unselfishness on the part of the educator that makes him loom up so large in the eyes of the American people. In a conversation with your correspondent a few years ago, Dr. Washington said that he believed the common people, and that too often newspaper correspondents failed to give the proper recognition to the toilers of the race.

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Bishop Walters at Home.

Bishop Alexander Walters, one of the most accomplished men of the race, spent the holidays at his beautiful residence, "The Haven of Rest," with his family. The bishop always winds up his visits in time to spend the holidays with his family, and the churchman had that pleasure this year. The bishop is distinctly a home man, and nothing gives more pleasure than to be home with his happy family. He is the charm of his home, and is held in high affection by the women of the household.

"The Haven of Rest" is a fitting name for the Walter's home, for its doors swing open to all alike. The policy of the bishop is to treat all comers alike, and the humblest callers are welcomed. Weary Zion pilgrims passing through this city find rest here at this home. Bishop Walters is truly a great man, and is one of the finest products of the race. Your correspondent has been with the bishop on many occasions and has always been impressed with his devotion to his race. The bishop officiated in the services of Mother Zion church on Sunday and New Years.

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N. B. Allen Off to Chicago.

N. B. Allen, a student of Yale University, and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the oldest Greek letter fraternity among colored students, passed through this city last week enroute to Chicago, where he goes to attend the annual convention of that body. This organization has sixteen college chapters representing most of the larger universities of the country. In talking with your correspondent, Mr. Allen said that he expected a delegation of sixty students, and that there would be many vital matters to Negro college men that would be discussed. Mr. Allen said there were eighteen colored students at Yale.

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Prof. Pickens to Speak.

Professor William Pickens, of Wiley University, and who on the day of his graduation at Yale was an honor man, is coming to this city to speak at the Lincoln Day celebration to be held on February 12th, under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Prof. Pickens will speak along with Governor Whitman.

The coming of Prof. Pickens is looked forward to with much delight on the part of his many friends in this city, and it is believed that he brings a strong message. Since leaving New Haven the scene of his college days, Prof. Pickens has been doing much for race uplift and today he is one of the strongest men in the South. He is a great addition to Wiley University.

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General Notes.

Cleveland G. Allen is now the New York representative of the Indianapolis Freeman. He will report the weekly doings of the race in this city and establish a route for the sale of the paper.

John D. Jones, a student of Lincoln University, is spending the holidays in this city.

E. T. Dyckoof has written an interesting article in the Outlook on the New York Negro. The article contains many complimentary references to the achievements of the race in this city.

Miss May Palmer, a student of Cheney Institute, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Capers.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor, of 244 West 53d street, played Santa Claus for many of the unfortunate members of the race in this city. Mrs. Taylor made a canvass of the poorer section of the city and found many families in want of food and shelter. She found ten families whom she gave $1.00 each and bought several pairs of shoes for little children. Mrs. Taylor is one of the most prominent women of the city.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks, the popular pastor of St. Mark's M. E. church, is one of the strongest forces in Methodism.

NEWS OF DEER LODGE, MONT.

Mrs. C. S. Bell made a trip to Butte, where she was highly entertained by many of her old friends, who regretted her short stay. .. Mrs. R. Dixon is home after a three weeks' stay at the hospital, where she underwent an operation. .. Mrs. Andy Waits is now in the hospital having an operation performed. She is reported out of danger now. .. Kid Lowery, the pool shark, and C. S. Bell played for the town champoinship. He won by a small margin.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston have purchased two city lots and will build a residence next spring. That will add another colored property owner to Deer Lodge. Messrs. Lowery and Young called on Mr. Bell, where they spent the evening playing whist, but Mr. and Mrs. Bell won all honors. .. Regardless of our zero weather we get together and have a warm reception.

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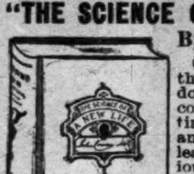

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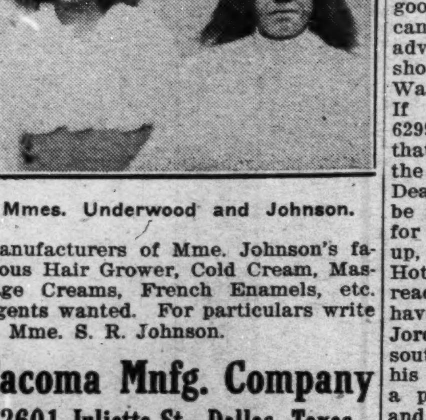

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Montezuma & Good Sts., daily by that matchless pulpit orator and preacher who is interested at all times in his people. Let them be little or big, rich or poor, Rev. Watson can be seen going here and there caring for the wants night and day, late and early, which keeps him posted better on the conditions than most of our professional people of the city about our people. He cares not for just those of his church but shows his Christian big heartedness by looking after one and all of the race that are in need here, which has caused our people, saints and sinners, to rever his good name everywhere. It was his brain, energy and ability that have brought about these conditions whereby that hundreds are daily being fed by the good men and women of his church and others of the city. Several white bakeries and the first class white cafes are standing up with him in supplying his wants daily, who are as follows: Messrs Clay Smith, G. T. Smith, Rev. M. Nicks, watchman; J. P. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Pringle, Mesdames Annie Christopher, Annie McIntosh, Johnnie Mae Lewis, Lizzie E. Williams, Martha Bell Hagerty, Mrs. W. Coleman, and others. The first day 102 people were fed. Each day brings a larger number. Meal tickets good for ten meals are issued to all worthy persons of the race. May heaven's blessings be bestowed upon them all and the times soon get better for all, the giver and receiver. .. Chicken thieves visited several homes and cleaned up coops. The strong arm of the law is cleaning up for all of the undesirables here, men and women, white and black. Dallas needs a good cleaning and should have it. .. Mr. K. D. Morrison, of this city, the man who is loved by the men, women and children for his genial disposition towards one and all at all times and who all Texas knows as an insurance man of more than ordinary ability. Mr. Morrison is the campain manager for the American Mutual Benefit Association of Texas, with headquarters at 2514 Elm street (up stairs), Dallas Texas., in the S. M. T. building. This strong company has been operating in Texas nine years, during which time it has kept the wolf from the door of many, many thousands in Texas, the doctor, the grocer, the druggist, furnishing every kind of absolute necessity in time of need that could be desired, even the undertaker. The American Mutual Benefit Company is now stronger than ever and is ever ready to serve our people. The people are coming into it daily because they are learning of its merits and motto to do just what their policy tells you it will do. Now is the time for you and your whole family to join it. It will be money in your home when sickness and death is there. Mr. Morrison is now in his fourth year with the American Mutual Benefit Association and is intellectually capable to post and write you any kind of policy desired in your whole family and at a rate that you can pay and keep in the association at all times. We cheerfully present Mr. Morrison and his company to the readers of the Freeman, because they have stood the test and have proved worthy of the support that our people can and must give in the preference... James T. Walker, on Gilliott street, is up after a three weeks' illness with rheumatism. His friends are glad to see him out again. .. The weather man hit it exactly on that rain, sleet, snow and cold weather which we were not ready to receive. But we had to back up to it and do the best we could for several days. ... Mr. E. W. Thomas has opened a barbershop at 3203 Cochran street and ask for a chance to serve you. .. Mr. J. W. Shelton of the state of Oklahoma is here looking for a bsiness location to cast his lot in Dallas as a business man. The Freeman welcomes you, Mr. Shelton, and others who may desire to come. .. Don't slight your jobs because this is a new year. My colored friends, do what you have been used to doing and do more, too. Because when our race loses a job these trying times, no other members of the race gets a ghost of a chance at it any more. It passes into the hands of the receiver. If you don't know who they are take the time to stop and look into the yards, homes, stores, on the trucks, floats, express wagons, delivery hacks, busses, butlers, bootblacks, porters of every class, bell hops, messengers and every class of vocation that used to be the colored man, woman, boy and girl's job is daily passing into the hands of the Caucasian race. Thus you see it's in the hands of those we term the receivers. They give the job and take it. So, stick, chillie, you that can and make good by doing all the good you can and in every way you can that is honest, is the Freeman's advice. All jobless colored people should get in touch with Rev. S. E. J. Watson and be on the job-hunting list. If you want work, ring Haskell 6299 for it. .. We have a few "ups" that don't want you to ask them on the street for what they owe you. But Dear Buds, if you don't pay you will be sorry some day that you did not, for Reading the Freeman. So cough up, and that very soon. .. The Park Hotel waiters have woke up and are reading the Freeman each week. They have much praise for it. .. Mr. John Jordan, the musician, is at home from southern Texas shaking hands with his friends. .. Scott & Lawrence have a place for you to get cleaned up and shined, corner Central and Swiss avenues. .. Mr. Jim Edmondson, of Bryant, spent several days here visiting his brother, Mr. Sam Keys, 2907 Trinidad street. .. Mrs. Sam Keys has returned from Bryant, where she was called to attend her grandmother's funeral .. Mrs. Eliza Coleman is spending the holidays with relatives at Ardmore, Okla. .. Mrs. Jake Yerger spent several days in Plano, Texas, visiting her mother and other friends and is now at home. .. The several agents in this city representing the old reliable American Mutual Benefit Association can be seen daily here and there pulling them over. Where its safe to carry a policy that will ho dlwater its time our people were waking up and investing their money in negro concerns of every kind like this company. It has nine years' record before our people. The representatives will explain every part of their policy to you at any time. Have them to call. .. Lee's Creole Belles at the Star are getting the glad hand from the patrons nightly because they are clean. The old Star is blazing once again with good crowds and they are talking it over to their friends in the city. .. At St. Peter's Catholic church and school, corner Allen and Cochran street, the inroads of progress for the new year were never brighter. The closing of the old year was witnessed by a large audience, it being Sunday morning promptly at 10 o'clock. High mass services were a crowning feature and the vested choir rendered some choice selections, which were superb and charming to the lovers of music. Their selections were above the average and soon had the audience in a trance of culture. Music and songs which were masters of art in the past, present and future, by the following persons: Madam T. J. Brutton, leading soprano; Mrs. Mallie Knighton, alto; Miss Alberta Yarborough, soprano; Miss Alberta Yarborough, soprano; Miss Rubie Clipper, Little Tommy Roberts, alto; voice and pianist; Mr. O. Baltimore, tenor; Mr. Buddie Douglas, violinist; Mr. Angelo Fernandez, clarinetist. On this occasion Madame Brutton and son were made Catholics and Mr. O. Baltimore and Miss Clipper stood with them. Rev. Father S. G. McSweeney performed the christening. The exercises closed with a Christmas dinner that was enjoyed and short talks were made on future work of upbuilding the race in Catholicism.

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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

(By Henry Stone)

Mr. Quincy Allen Vincent, a resident of Vincennes, Ind., and an aged bachelor, died Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, and was buried Monday afternoon. Mr. Vincent was well known by colored and white in the surrounding neighborhood. He has a niece living in this city, Mrs. Helen Blackwell. Mr. Vincent was 56 years of age and leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss. .. Mrs. Anna Clay Simpson, of Spruce street, was called away very suddenly Friday to Washington, Ind., to the bedside of her father, who is very ill. .. Mr. Pat Brady, of Clinton, Ind., was shot and instantly killed on Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock, by Walter Moody. The exact cause of the trouble has not yet been made known and Moody has not yet been caught. .. The representative of The Freeman wishes each and every one that has read a copy and intends to take a year's subscription to get in before January 1, 1915, at the $1 rate. .. A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, 1915, and abundance of success throughout the years to come.

MR. BERT ADAMS' ORCHESTRA SCORES A BIG HIT TO A MIAMI AUDIENCE, MIAMI, FLA.

Mr. Bert Adams and his splendid orchestra from Indianapolis, Ind., covered themselves with lasting glory in Bethel A. M. E. church at Miami, Fla., on Sunday, December 13, before a crowded audtiorium of intelligent and music-loving hearers. The occasion was that of the A. C. E. League's program service.

The services of the orchestra had been solicited and obtained by the president of the League for the previous Sunday, but owing to the great demand upon the part of the white people to hear these talented musicians and singers and their demand backed by a substantial cash sum, they were unable to keep their promise to the League at this particular time, for their services to the League would be rendered absolutely free of any charge, as these splendid gentlemen are possessed with the spirit to do whatever they can with their God-given talents toward furthering the progress of a worthy cause.

However, the president believing that their renditions would inspire the music lovers of Miami to more thoroughly equip themselves in this beautiful art, as well as furnish musical entertainment of the higher sort for the attending public, sought their services again. This second solicitation resulted in giving to the public the best musical program that has been heard in these parts for many months.

Mr. Adams, at the piano, was at his best. Mr. Toran, with his violin, elicited many commendable expressions from those who attended and a keen desire on the part of many to learn this beautiful instrument. Mr. Kelly and his 'cello caused many in the audience to lose control of their lower jaws and their mouths were opened as he so effectively rendered the celebrated "Traumerei." Mr. Adams sang in a feeling manner "Mother Machree" wit horchestra accompanimnt. The trio by the three instruments in the hands of the above named gentlemen served as an excellent climax for the preceding program, which was interspersed by local talent.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

The Friday Art Club met December 18 with Mrs. Charles Brannum, on South Fayette street, and was royally entertained.

Mr. Albert O'Leary, now of Chicago, Ill., but formerly of this city, was married there recently.

The Needlecraft Club met December 18 with Jacob Stewart, Arnett street.

The little child of Mrs. Howard Finley is still quite ill. Also Miss Naomi Johnson, of West Norton avenue.

Mrs. George C. Parks, of South Mauvaisterre street, left for Pittsfield, Ill., to visit her parents and other relatives there.

Mr. George C. Parks visited friends in Louisiana, Mo., recently.

Miss Cassie Wallace left recently for Hillsboro, Ill.

Mrs. Walker, of North East street, left December 16 for Hadley, Ill., to visit her folks, also for a visit in Kokomo.

The Wednesday Art Club met December 1 with Mrs. Lennie Meadows, on North Cox street, with a pleasant meeting and was royally entertained.

Mr. Lawrence Blue, of South Clay avenue, does excellent papering and calcimining. All work neatly done. A trial will convince you. If you once see his work you will always have him to do your work.

Mr. Jerome Rollins and family are residing at 413 West Anna street.

Rev. Bolden, of Ashland avenue, left recently for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Judith Jenkins, at E. St. Louis, Ill.

The Central Missouri Conference of the M. E. church meets at Louisiana, Mo., March 31.

Revival meetings will start watch meeting at the McCabe church.

The Christmas ball will be held December 25 at Company B hall by Rev. Reed. The Reed and Wagner orchestra will furnish music. Floor manager, Mr. W. Patterson. Refreshments will be sold.

The funeral services of Mr. Louis Bell was held December 20 at 2 o'clock on Ashland avenue and was largely attended. Services were in charge of Rev. Shaw and were very impressive. He served as policeman in the city for a number of years and had a wide circle of friends. Interment took place in the East cemetery.

Miss Goldie Taylor has returned from Indianapolis, Ind,

Mrs. Ada Ryan is now in Mexico, Mo.

Mrs. L. B. Mounts, of 518 W. Oak street, resilvers mirrors finely. Give her a trial. She makes glass look like new.

Mr. Walter Blue, of Carlinville, Ill., was in the city recently shaking hands with old friends.

The Primrose Club met December 16 with Miss M. DeWitt a tthe residence of Mrs. J. McCree's on Anna street. It was royally entertained.

There is much snow here, also much sickness.

The installation Order of St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., and Queen Esther Chapter, O. E. S., was held December 19. Work was in charge of District Deputy Grand Master Dr. A. H. Kinnebrew and after the installation a banquet was held by the lodges in honor of the new officers, which are as follows: W. M., William Jones; S. W., L. Postley; J. W., Gabriel Kurd; secretary, James H. Holley; treasurer, Charles Hogan; tyler, Elijah Hyatt; chaplain, Jacob Davis. Officers of Queen Esther Chapter: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Anna Charleston; conductor, Mrs. K. Vires; A. C., Mrs. Lucy Bolden; secretary, Mrs. N. J. Blue; treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Young; W. P., Dr. A. H. Kinniebrew; sentinel, Levi Postley; warden, Mrs. S. Corbin; chaplain, Jacob Davis; Adah, Mrs. L. Coffman; Ruth, Mrs. Violet Brown; Esther, Mrs. M. C. Clark; Martha, Mrs. M. B. Davis; Electa, Mrs. E. Coen.

THE ROYAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF THE WORLD.

The effort to set up a newly organized subordinate circle of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World in the district of Chicago and the state of Illinois, which had a meeting last Thursday evening, December 10, 1914, at Jackson Hall, 2959 State street, has been well chosen and indorsed by many of the prominent citizens of the city. Henry Moore, who has been chosen and ordained as Supreme Organizer, is a young man of estimable qualities and his efforts to substantiate the membership and development of the organization has been generally accredited. The organization now has a membership of over 30,000 and pays the largest endowment of any colored organization in existence. Any person or parties desiring to confer with the Supreme Organizer on the subject of organization or consult him on matters appertaining to the same, can address Harry Moore, S. O., 2933 State street, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUSTA (GA.) NEWS.

(By N. P. Willis, Jr.)

Miss Belle Frasier and Miss Marietta James gave an "impersonation party" at Mauge Street School a few nights ago for the benefit of the new Tabernacle Institutional Church, of which the "Black Spurgeon," Dr. C. T. Walker, is pastor. A number of the public school teachers took part in the impersonation contest, some representing ancient and others representing modern characters. The boarding students from Haines school attended the party in a body. It was quite a success in every way. .. On Friday night, December 18, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hudson, at their residence on Picquet avenue, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Remarks were made by Dr. J. W. Gilbert and prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Gladden. Quite a number of handsome presents testified to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are held by a host of friends. The evening was pleasantly spent in music and song, interspersed with delicious ices and cakes. .. Miss Ethel Louise Murray and Mr. Frank Lamar Williams were married on Friday night, December 18, at the home of Dr. Silas X. Floyd. Miss Murray is the youngest daughter of Rev. J. W. H. Murray. .. Rev. C. L. Bonner is the new pastor of Trinity C. M. E. Church, and Rev. Colclough is the new presiding elder of the Augusta district. .. The sacred concert at Tabernacle Church by the Second Regiment K. of P. Band was postponed on account of rain Sunday. .. The Whitman, Lozyo and Brown Trio closed at the Lenox Theater last week. The famous New York Follies open Monday, the 21st. .. New ones are being added to my Freeman list every week. Some of them are Prof. S. X. Floyd; Mr. Mathew Scott, the famous Second Regiment drummer; Honey Boy Evans and Mr. Willie Peaks, better known as walk tarpin; also Mr. John Dugas. .. Mr. H. C. Young and Mr. Mitchell, our colored baker, are very sick at this writing. .. Look out for Buster, The Freeman boy, with the big Christmas number, for that's me. .. A Merry Christmas to all Freeman readers. .. Buy The Freeman. On sale at 1521 Chestnut street and 725 Eighth street, or call phone 2735.

MAYFIELD, KY.

(By Luray Mae Galbreath.)

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Mr. Jerry Henderson and Mrs. Cuma Smith were married December 16.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at St. James A. M. E. church, with Rev. Spillman presiding elder. Quarterly conference wasn't over at the writing of this report and the reporter failed to get al lof the interesting facts.

Mrs. Ira Finney, of Paducah, will be the guest of Mrs. Dora Wilkerson Sunday, December 27.

Mr. Judge Kelly is on the sick list.

Mr. Fred Chancelor, formerly of Franc's New York Minstrels, was in the city last week.

Mrs. Ida Wilson is on the sick list.

Mr. O. S. Drain visited in Paducah Sunday.

Mr. Frank Morse is sick and confined to his bed at his home on Fourth street.

Mr. Peyton Hester is reported some better at this writing.

Mr. Ed. Bumpass is visiting in the city.

Mr. Leonard Beauregard is very ill of pneumonia at his home on Eighth street.

See Luray Mae Galbreath or ring Old phone 325 when wanting The Freeman.

Several visitors are expected in the city during the holidays.

Patrons of The Freeman are requested to have all the news ready that they wish to be published whenever the agent calls around.

Weather is unsettled this week.

LAKE FOREST, ILL.

Business and Church News for the Year 1914.

As the good Lord has blessed us and let us enjoy His blessings, we feel it our duty to return Him thanks for sparing us to have the privilege of giving our valuable paper the credit for letting the country know what we are doing along the North Shore. Rev. L. B. Brown was called to the First Baptist Church on Oakdale avenue in April. Since his coming he has done a great work toward erecting a new edifice. He accomplished what no other pastor has done, and that was to secure the Durand Institute from Doctor Nollen, the president of the Lake Forest College, something the race never witnessed before, and gave one of the grandest entertainments that was ever witnessed by the race. It was a success in every way. During the year several were connected to the church. Also, there was a B. Y. P. U. organized, a church sick and burial lodge set up known as the Peter and Andrew Lodge. The latter was organized by Doctor Fisher, of Chicago, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, so the Lord has blessed him in his undertakings. Rev. Jones, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, is also a new pastor in a new field, and he is doing a great work toward building a new edifice. On the 14th he gave a concert at the First Presbyterian Church (white), where he was greatly benefited financially and rendered a program second to none. .. Rev. Hudson of this city, but now of Evanston, has gone into the coal and express business, where he is meeting with fine success. We hope he will continue to do good. .. B. B. Turner, the only race caterer in the city, is having all the work he can do by being polite and courteous. .. As a whole the business men are coming to the front in our city. .. Messrs. Slaughter and Matthews are having all their taxi line can do. .. Mr. Chas. Gray, the genial riding school teacher, has done a great business this fall, being the only race man in that line in this part of the country. Let us hope these men will continue to go on and never stop. .. We wish the greatest race journal a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may the manager and editor grow broader in the paper business and success crown them for bringing such a noble journal to the race. .. Remember you have only six more days to get the greatest race paper that is published for a whole year for $1. Send in your subscription to the writer or call 541-R.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Buckeye Lodge of Elks will attend the memorial services of Farrell Lodge in Farrell Sunday, December 27. All are requested to meet at the hall at 11 a. m. to take the 12 o'clock car for Sharon. .. Louisa Edward Court of Calantha will meet in regular session Wednesday evening. .. The following clubs observed Woman's Day at the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. Church Sunday: The Elite, the Lura and the Y. W. C. A. They took part in the program, which was very interesting. .. Sell Thomas has moved his barber shop to 464 West Federal street. .. United States regular army for three years. .. Mrs. Harry Williams is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Guyder, in Steubenville. .. Mrs. Albert Lucas and daughter and J. W. Ford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Ruthers in Cleveland. .. William Saunders was called to Cleveland Monday on account of the illness of his wife, who has been visiting her brother, David Boggs, 10622 Author street. .. Charles E. Coleman, the artistic sign painter, has opened his shop at 464 West Federal street, in rear.

Miss Ella Lazare has opened up her new boot black parlor in the same old place for the winter. Those that would like to read The Freeman call at 306 Avenue G, Miami, Fla.

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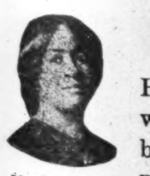

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And full of care
I mount the stair,
And if I sleep my dreams are of despair.
But if he find it good my rest
Is sweet, and all my dreams are blest.
If 'neath his disrespect I fall
Then lose I all,
But if he smiles, and says "Your work's not good,
But still you've done the very best you could,"
Though lacking pride
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Southern farmers must back up their cotton this year with hogs and hominy.

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Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the matrimonial market booms as briskly as usual.

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As we close this series, none of the Washington editors has succeeded in putting any of the others in jail.

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Act promptly when a good deed is to be done or a great thought is to be crystallized into results. If you don't, some one else will.

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It is the professional "knocker" who squeals the loudest when the hammer is turned on him. A square-dealer "takes his medicine like a little man," and never hollers.

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The name of the late William Endicott will live in the memory of the colored people of the land. This eminent and elderly citizen of Boston died recently and left to Tuskegee Institute the handsome sum of $5,000.

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North Carolina is a banner Masonic state. It has within its borders 12,000 Negro Masons, gathered into five hundred lodges. Mr. R. B. McRary, a man of wealth and executive ability, is Grand Master of the order in the "Old North State."

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The Zionites talk very seriously of stationing a Bishop in Africa just after the Louisville General Conference in 1916, and Drs. W. H. Davenport, S. L. Corrothers and C. C. Alleyne are mentioned as fit material for this post in the "Dark Continent." Fine idea!

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That the Negro should feed himself, through the non-prejudiced soil, goes without the saying. In agitating this important issue, Dr. Booker T. Washington again vindicates the wisdom of the policies put forward by the National Negro Business League.

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Col. Giles B. Jackson must "smoke up" if he hopes to pull off an exposition worth while this year. Exhibits that show off the race to advantage are not made in a minute or gathered from bushes. The Virginia "Kunnel" had better get busy if he expects to justify the government's liberality in handing him that $55,000.

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A real newspaper man is never so thin-skinned that he can not take a knock in exchange for the one he gives. Being able to fight in the middle of the ring, according to the rules of the game, he is never compelled to resort to threats of libel suits to counter against a "left hook." The Marquis of Queensbury would never stand for the "hit-and-run" policy.

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The sensible colored man does not relish being made a "problem." All that is wanted is an equal chance and fair play in the battle of life. The Negro desires no special legislation or consideration, for or against—just equality of American citizenship—no more, no less. And, surely, in a land dedicated to law and order and decency—that ought not to constitute a "problem."

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The Zion connection is acquiring some grand church properties in metropolitan centers. The two latest cathedrals to be secured are the St. Andrew's P. E. Church in Washington and the Union M. E. Church in St. Louis. The lucky pastors are Revs. W. C. Brown and B. G. Shaw, both rising geniuses in their denomination and to whom substantial promotion is to come at an early date.

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"Jack" Johnson is no longer a Parasian. The world's heavyweight champion is now in Buenos Aires, giving exhibitions in boxing, and is said to be seriously contemplating making his permanent home in the Argentine Republic. He is to meet Jess Willard early in the spring, either in Cuba or Mexico, for the world's championship. Johnson is said to be taking good care of his health and it is likely that the boxing premiership will remain in the Negro race for a long time to come.

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Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom says: "The Texas colored man is the coming colored man of this country. He looms up big upon the racial horizon. He has better educational advantages of any of the others in the South." This speaks mighty well for the "Lone Star State," which has within its borders such progressive spirits as C. N. Love, M. W. Dogan, W. Sidney Pittman, W. E. King, W. H. Noble and many others to carry aloft the torch of light and leading.

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"How I Am Meeting the Present Hard Times" is to be the major topic for discussion at the general session of the Tuskegee Farmers' Conference January 20. Such valuable subjects as the raising of food supplies for the farmers' own tables and for the market and the problem of agricultural co-operation will be handled without gloves and the outlook is for one of the very best of the long and profitable series of conferences. At the Workers' Conference on the 21st, the subject will be "The Schools and the 'Hard Times' Situation." If these are really hard times, surely a remedy for our ills will be found through the interchange of views by scientists and soil-tillers at the Tuskegee Conference.

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Mrs. Dayse Dean Walker Booker, the eminent reader and lecturer, is on a tour of Texas and is meeting with deserved success. She is one of the race's most brilliant women and is doing an excellent work for the uplift of the young working women, whose lines are not always cast in pleasant places. Later on, Mrs. Booker is expected in the East, to look into the labor conditions under which our women work, in shops, homes, government departments and institutions of various kinds.

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"Contiguous episcopal districts" is to be a recognized policy of the A. M. E. Zion Church hereafter. It is a reform that should have been put into operation long ago, but was delayed for reasons well known. The change will come year after next, and coming late is better than not at all. Contiguous districts will save both time and money and conform to the natural order of things. One of the strongest friends of this helpful movement is Dr. J. S. Jackson, soon to be "Bishop Jackson."

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The Boston Advocate says Dr. Booker T. Washington appears very favorably inclined toward Boston as the seat of the next session of the National Negro Business League. The League had its birth at the Hub in 1900 and naturally the Wizard will ever feel kindly toward the city that gave such a happy start to the organization that now leads all the rest in inspiring the Negro race toward commercial greatness. Boston is somewhat out of the way, but there are many reasons why a successful meeting could be held there next August.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington's article in The Outlook for October 28 on "A Jew, the Negroes and the Y. M. C. A." has been more widely read than any other that has appeared in that journal for many months, and there is still a call for it. It dealt with a great subject and gave facts that have not been available from other sources. Practical philanthropy, the beauty of sacrifice, the essentials of racial sympathy and the upward struggles of a coming people all had a hearing that affords real inspiration to all who have read the "Wizard's" graphic contribution.

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G. W. F. Sawner, of Chandler, Oklahoma, a lawyer by profession, strongly mentioned for the legislature of his state, is the largest colored cotton broker in the southwest. During the current year he handled 2,500 bales of cotton, valued at $175,000, and also acted as broker for 600 tons of cotton seed. He is deeply interested in the development of the Negro town of Boley, Okla. Mrs. Lena L. Sawner, his accomplished wife, is principal of the High School at Chandler. Both are active life-members of the National Negro Business League and attend its sessions each year, no matter how great the distance they are called upon to travel.

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During this glorious Xmas season, the fact is not being overlooked that our consuls are alive and well and "on the job" across the seas. With Payne at St. Thomas, Hunt at St. Etienne, Carter at Tamatave, Wright at Puerto Cabello, Livingston at Cape Haitien, and Yerby at Sierra Leone, besides Minister Buckner at Monrovia and Collector Cottrill at Honolulu, we have quite a number of things to be thankful for at the threshold of a new year. These assignments represent not less than $25,000 per annum in salaries, all chalked up to the credit of the colored citizens of this republic. And this leaves out entirely the men and women of the race employed in the government service on this side of the water.

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Thirty-one years under a single management without the missing of an issue is a magnificent record for a journal of the race. This is what has been accomplished by our good friend, Chris. J. Perry, of the veteran Philadelphia Tribune. Perry is one of the leaders of the quill who have kept the faith and fought the battles of the race, in season and out of season, and emerges from the fray with both his prestige and purse bettered by reason of the encounter. The Tribune lives in its own home, has a modern outfit of typesetting machines and up-to-date presses and pays salaries with the regularity of a Wanamaker. The Tribune is one of the Quaker city's standard institutions and we congratulate Brother Perry upon his remarkable achievement—all the more remarkable because he has won his spurs in a community where the rules of the game are exacting and where competition is keen and merciless.

ALEXANDER, LA.

Mrs. Ella Robertson and Mr. Charles Dean were married. Mrs. Robertson has been a resident of this city for several years and is very popular here. Mr. Dean came here from the East, his home being in Chicago. He has been here for a year or more. He is head waiter at the Hotel Bentley. He, too, is very popular among the people of this city. The wedding was one of the prettiest of the season. The happy couple received several valuable presents. We congratulate the happy couple and wish them much success in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are readers of the Freeman. .. Mr. Ezra King celebrated his twenty-third anniversary at home with his mother, sisters and brothers. A crowd was anticipated, but owing to the inclement weather they did not respond. .. Mrs. Nancy King, of Beakie, was the guest of Mrs. Fannie H. King, her mother-in-law. She spent a day and returned home. .. There was a box party given at Lampton College Friday, December 11. .. Rev. Dr. H. B. Brown, who has been superintendent of missions of the state of Louisiana, is sick. Dr. Brown is indeed an able man and is known throughout the county. We pray that Dr. Brown will soon recuperate. He is now president of Central Louisiana Academy.

SIKITAN, OHIO.

(By N. C. Hawkins, Correspondent.)

Mr. H. R. Long and Miss Edna Brooks, of this city, were married Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams. Miss Roera Frisco was bridesmaid and Mr. George Long best man. Rev. L. W. Florer officiated. A neat reception followed the ceremony. More than one hundred guests were present.

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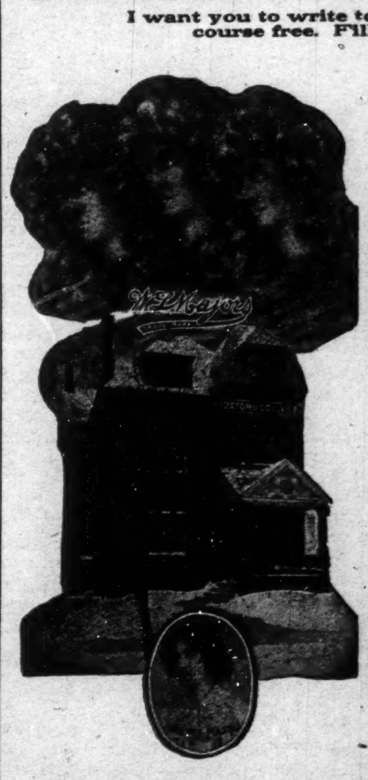

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Resolve a bit; it won't hurt anything.

Little less lynching than last year if we are not mistaken. This means progress.

All Terre Haute was in Indianapolis this week, nearly all of it. Donn Roberts was here. He had some difficulty in getting home.

Mr. Carey B. Lewis, the Chicago correspondent of The Freeman, wins a diamond ring by his essay giving the best solution of the race problem.

Those New Year's bells, whistles and things, don't they sound bad? We can see why the revelers are out on New Year's eve. They are seeking an antidote against those ominous noises.

Miss Salome Lewis, of class '15, Sumner high school, St. Louis, Mo., has a Christmas story in the "Sumner Journal," a publication of that institution, subject: "Elsie's Christmas." Miss Lewis is the daughter of Wm. M. Lewis, editor of The Freeman, and general contributor to this publication. The story is of the short story variety, which is in demand today. She shows merit, giving promise of blossoming forth as a contributor to periodicals. A Miss Lyle Caston is also a contributor to the Christmas number of the Sumner Journal, subject: "Where the Star Leads." Both stories are prettily told, reflecting the inward grace of the writers. The text of Miss Lewis' story could easily be restoration, that of Miss Caston's redemption. We applaud and congratulate them.

Our Chicago correspondent, Carey B. Lewis, has again distinguished himself by winning a diamond ring in an essay contest, the subject being, "The best solution of the race problem in the United States." Four others were interested in presenting what they conceived to be the remedies for the race ills. Education, religion and politics were held by all to be the blend that would make for the desired end. Our correspondent, who is prepared for such questions owing to his newspaper work, and his disposition, was able to present the more masterly views. We congratulate him in that he is realizing the bent of his mind—to be a useful member of his race. He will serve it best when working to bring about the greatest amount of good. Mr. Lewis is yet a young man. If he continues his well begun work the future will hold good things in store for him.

The Trotter incident with President Wilson was the star racial happening of the year. Just what bearing it will have on the future is not seen at this time. It is agreed on all sides, however, that it has brought the question of segregation to the front, as, perhaps, nothing else could have done. The question is, Has segregation been made more or less difficult to beat? As a thing of righteousness it ought not be tolerated one minute. A great nation should not give inexcusable offense to a part of its people even in thought to say nothing of the deed. With that spot out the Negroes would have still greater reason for gratulations owing to their progress. We insist that President Wilson will have to cut out the segregation at Washington, or pass out of public life as the one executive who introduced disorder in the government out of respect for a mild sentiment due to racial feeling.

Just before the Jeffries-Johnson fight, Walter Campbell, a Negro barber of Little Rock, Ark., made a bet with a white undertaker to the effect that, if Jeffries won he was to shave the undertaker free of charge until he died. If Johnson won the undertaker was to give the barber a "state" funeral. On December 29 Campbell died. The undertaker, true to his obligation, furnished him the most elaborate coffin that the largest local undertaking establishment could provide. The hearse was followed by a procession of carriages, also at the expense of the undertaker. This is rather a gruesome subject to point a moral, but it is worth while. This Southern white man, and who stands for many another in principle, is worthy of admiration. The races are wide apart on the non-essentials, but close enough on the essentials. While fighting way up in the air for the big things, we will do well not to forget the many little things that come to us. The incident is rather touching even if conceived out of sport. Long live that undertaker, whoever he is!

RESOLUTE!

1915! With a sense of dread we take on the new year—all new years. This is particularly true as we mount the hill of age and experience. Yet no other events in the march of the human race have been so helpful to civilization as the New Year's days. For some reason, and perhaps, natural enough, they have become the confessional and the sacrificial altar of the world. We admit the wrongs, the bad steps, during the year. We pile them on the altar and burn them. We turn from the scene renewed, resolving that the days now before us shall be our best days. Some resolutions are as ropes of sand, holding but for a short time. Even then some good follows; others are influenced in the short span. The others will pass on and on to others who are yet unborn. A day's resolution is not without its probable eternity of good.

Some resolutions are kept by those who make them on New Year's day. They are made by the majority of persons, and who acknowledge the universality of the day that preaches to mankind.

The best thought of the world has lingered, toyed about this day, wondered over its peculiar hold on mankind. Perhaps, it is because it is such a stern enunciator of our mortality, the shortness of our earthly sojourn, alas, of our moving out into that wider expanse of our existence whatever that be. It is a symbolism of our own passing away, brought home with such a crushing force that we cannot escape its influence. The dying of a year is painful and poetic, beautiful and tragic, terrorizing and soothing. It is soothing to us to know that we have passed unscathed the fury of the world which has raged over our heads like those Zeppelins and other sky craft employed in the present great war. We are spared, saved, and why?

Let us resolve a bit at this most fit time. We will, all of us, no doubt. But we can take on more resolution. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose. We like the Oath of Afro-American youth, by Kelly Miller, and which says:

"I will never bring disgrace upon my race by any unworthy deed or dishonorable act; I will live a clean, decent, manly life, and will ever respect and defend the virtue and honor of womanhood; I will uphold and obey the just laws of my country and of the community in which I live and will encourage others to do likewise; I will not allow prejudice, injustice, insult or outrage to cower my spirit or sour my soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience; I will not allow myself to be overcome of evil, but will strive to overcome evil with good; I will endeavor to develop and exert the best powers within me for my own personal improvement, and will strive unceasingly to quicken the sense of racial duty and responsibility; I will in all these ways aim to uplift my race so that, to everyone bound to it by ties of blood, it shall become a bond of ennoblement and not a byword of reproach."

One cannot even read that splendid platform without setting in motion some good. If not personally influenced the rehearsing of it will yet be as seed sown, and of which we read in the scriptures. Some will not fall in stony places. Resolve a bit; it will do good.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court in its recent decision, or position anent the "Jim Crow" car laws of Oklahoma, we take it, did the very best it could do under the circumstances. We think, that to be compelled to act in accordance with sentiment, even the major sentiment of the people, rather than the spirit of the laws, must cause that body, or any judicial body of high minded men to feel a depressing sense of helplessness. The judges of the Supreme Court are selected for their legal attainments, acumen, liberal education and their deep insight into affairs and men, making for sound judgment and philosophy.

We take it that such men are themselves lashed when they must pronounce other than unassailable law. We sympathize with them, thinking that they are as we picture them—men who are high strung, sensitive, blushing for shame that their notion of right is sidetracked for the juggernaut of wrong and misrule. If this is not true, if they, too, are calloused, indifferent to the operation of the laws as they concern a part of the citizens, then our faith is shaken in what is considered to be the higher order of men.

The thoughtful men of our race concede that the swerving on the part of the Supreme Court has been necessary, and just as members of that court have admitted the necessity. The race question is an unexpected injection into the affairs of this country, consequently compromises and expedients have been essential just as they were before the war. Knowing all of this is what saves the situation, otherwise the Negroes would have but little hope for the future. We are citizens, theoretically heir to every privilege enjoyed by any other citizen. As such we have the right to demand, expecting refusal only when the granting would cause an upheaval of such nature that the refusal would be the better thing. We think the proposition is airtight, for surely we are not willing to plunge our country into ruin for a theoretical denial of rights. We say theoretical advisedly, since we do enjoy in some way every right enjoyed by any other citizen. We demand that the government—our government—take as little cognizance of race feeling as possible; that it resist the encroachment of discrimination until it is the overwhelming sentiment, and outwardly manifested, even to the point of disrupting the peace of the nation. We demand that the government do not encourage discrimination in any shape or form. If it does this voluntarily, or owing to slight pressure, it will be equivalent to a declaration of undesirable citizens. Can this country afford to offend so many of its citizens?

MAKING PROGRESS.

Make haste slowly is an old German admonition. Perhaps it is not at all times advisable to make haste slowly, but it is what our race is doing—making haste slowly. The hour hand on a clock is imperceptible in its movement. We may know its progress by observing its position at intervals; it reflects the sun, the moon, the stars as they are popularly understood. They are "moving," making progress, slowly, but surely.

At no time since the emancipation of the race have we taken a backward step as it concerns the annual result. At times we have been made to feel that we were having reverses. We have been hit hard, been shaken up from center to circumference, struck as if by thunderbolts of Mars, when it appeared that our sun had deserted the skies. But it was only in the seeming. And as Longfellow has it, "Behind the clouds the sun is still shining."

In that our progress has been sure, we have something to be thankful to ourselves and to those around us. For as much as we are inclined to charge up our ills to the white people, yet it is to them that we owe our progress in part. In saying this we do not get away from the fact that God helps those who help themselves. It has required the united efforts of the white people and the race to make for our present standing and future prospects. When we have the "blues," feeling pessimistic, we readily run the gamut of our woes, charging the other race with a multiplicity of crimes against us. We recite the denial of rights, the abridgment of privileges, and so forth, formulating our platform of grievances out of the unrestricted freedom of those about us. This larger freedom is contagious in itself, not to speak of the first principles of our government which, at least, by letter, excluded no man.

When reasonableness sets in we grow optimisitic; the picture is reversed. Then we begin to count our blessings one by one, as a nun mumbles her beads. We contrast our fortunes with our kind elsewhere. We find that in taking the sum of their good and that of our own, and finding the difference, the balance is largely in our favor. When reducing to the beginning of our greater concerns, schools, churches, Y. M. C. A.'s, we must reckon with the white people. The white man's dollar has very often been the foundation of our institutions. He has, at times, paid the first and last dollar on those concerns which best enable a people to rise up out of obscurity. In the language of Patrick Henry, if this is treason, then make the most of it. The white man's other name is charity. When our poor has cried he has wept, as Marc Antony said of Julius Caesar. He has threaded our life; so closely interwoven, is he, that the fabric is not rent without himself being torn. He would stand apart in a social way, preferring to be let alone with those whom he would have about him, beyond this he is practically unanimous for the Negro race.

We are willing to believe that owing to our past relation as slaves, and our present relation as Negroes, that the United States has it on any government of the world as it concerns the treatment of a similar people. Formerly the palm was given to England, when the English loved to say that the air of that country was too pure for a slave to breathe. Since that time she has had a United States Negro problem in South Africa. She has found it necessary to haul in some sail, and to do some tacking in order to make progress. This was brought out when Jack Johnson made his appearance in London with the hopes of engaging the heavyweights of that country. It is not necessary to rehearse here what was said at that time. In short, Jack Johnson was not permitted to fight in England because of the probable effect on the Negroes of South Africa. Other countries having possessions in Africa are no less vigilant. Belgium is spoken of bitterly because of her rule in Africa. Leopold and the Congo States stand for racial rapacity with many Negroes of this country.

We are not inclined to discuss the affairs of that sad country. Nor do we see retribution as many will have it. Europe—the whole of Europe—is bleeding; not merely Belgium. She, perhaps, has not been worse than other countries who seek to hold down their African blacks.

With a similar history of the Negro races wherever they are to those of Africa, excepting ourselves, we have great cause for standing erect with faces upward, in thankfulness, that the banner century finds us, the banner people of our kind, amid the banner nation.

Our progress is too varied to recite; it is as one with that of the white race. Whatever they have accomplished within the past fifty years we have also accomplished.

FLAYING THE BRUTAL SOUTH.

Cheer up. Even the South is for the Negroes. We don't mean the brutal part, which happily is in the small minority. That minority is small but vicious. It will not flourish, however, in the face of such fierce assaults as have been made on it by the humane South. We reproduce from two Louisiana papers what they had to say, editorially, on the recent burning of a Negro in that state.

The States of Shreveport:

"TANGIPAHOA AND CADDO.

Not many years have passed since Tangipahoa held the record among Louisiana parishes for lawlessness. "Bloody Tangipahoa" was known far and wide and some of the crimes committed within her precincts brought the blush of shame to the whole State.

But Tangipahoa has reformed. Her people came to recognize how damaging to her material interests were these recurring reports of criminal disorders and public sentiment wrought so remarkable change, that Tangipahoa is now one of the most orderly and prosperous communities in Louisiana.

It is not surprising to find, therefore, that Tangipahoa now feels at liberty to flay Caddo for her recent acts of barbarism."

"Caddo parish should bow its head in shame," says The Florida Parishes, "and while it is repugnant to exploit the conditions, yet the press of this State should denounce in bitter tones this latest episode, bordering on cruelty and barbarism unequaled in the early centuries of civilization. Moreover, the Governor of Louisiana should purge the Caddo lynchings, and if the investigation demands it remove from office those officials guilty of dereliction of duty.

"The whole State abhors the record of Caddo, and the good name of Louisiana must suffer as a consequence."

The States, in commenting on what the Florida Parishes had to say, has the following:

"The Florida Parishes is correct. There never was a case of mob violence so inexcusable and so wanton as that which occurred recently in Caddo and Attorney General Pleasant and the courts ought to go the limit in the effort to turn up and make examples of the men who were the ringleaders in it.

"When a community takes the law into its own hands, in a case where its passions are deeply stirred by an attack on its womanhood, the South is inclined to be lenient in its reprobation. But the Caddo mob did not have this excuse for its fiendish acts and Louisiana has a right to demand that those who have brought so much disgrace upon the fair name of the State should be brought to exemplary punishment.

"No State can hope to attract investors and homeseekers which condone such lawlessness as that which recently occurred in Caddo. It does not mitigate the circumstances to say that the victims of the mob were negroes and the victims of the negroes were white men. If men may defy the law authorities where the negro is involved, it is only a short step to a condition where they will show equal contempt for the law and the courts where the life and property of the white man are concerned."

Well, if the white folk are going to talk that way to one another we will have but very little to say. If the white folk can't convert the white folk then their case is hopeless.

"Attorney General Pleasant announced that investigation would be continued from time to time; also, that as soon as evidence already taken had been transcribed it would be turned over to the grand jury, which last week recessed until after the holidays."

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Successful Christmas Programs—News in General of Portsmouth, O.

Mrs. Harry Starks is visiting her uncle, Rev. Gibbons, of Huntington, W. Va. .. Mr. H. Starks spent a few days last week with his wife. Just returned Sunday evening after having a very fine time. .. Rev. Gibbons has started on his new A. M. E. church. He is a Christian man and a good worker and is well liked among the people of this city, both black and white, as one of the great men of his race. .. Mr. and Mrs. James Black, formerly of this city, who now live in Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting friends and relatives and are stopping with her father, Mr. R. Ferguson, on 13th street. .. The Blue Lodge program for St. John's day was a grand success. There was a large turnout of friends and members. Mr. O. Redman is W. M. and it is a treat to have the pleasure of meeting with him. .. Mr. L. Johnson, master of ceremonies, is one of our best P. W. M.'s and we are very proud of him as one of the best. .. Miss Ethel Davis, of Columbus, is visiting Mrs. P. Saunders, of 14th street, and other friends. .. Miss Mattie Price, whom we are glad to say is making a successful teacher at Curry College of Music, is one of our best young ladies and we are much interested in her success. .. Mrs. Benton and son, of Columbus, are here visiting her mother and brother's family, Mr. G. Lash, at 1114 13th street. .. George Mass, of Ironton, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. Bunch, of 11th street. Mrs. Bunch is now able to do her work about her home. .. Mrs. T. Sloan, of Columbus, formerly of this city, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. Johnson, of Gay street. .. Miss Bertha Spears, of Columbus, is visiting Mrs. Henry Baker, of 13th street. .. Miss B. Johnson, who has been very ill for the past five weeks, is very little better. She is at the home of Mrs. N. Dixon, of 15th street. .. Mrs. W. White, who was very ill last week, is some better at her home on 15th street. .. Mrs. Isa Hill, one of our oldest and best citizens, is ill again and had to go to her bed. She has been ill for some time. .. Mr. W. Green, of Cherry Fork, will leave the Bell's Restaurant and go to Ripley & Patana, where he will spend a few weeks. .. Mr. Blake White, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. White, of 15th street, who is now living in Detroit, Mich, we are glad to let his friends know that he is one of the good workers in the Bethel A. M. E. church and is a weekly contributor. .. Mr. G. Smith fell last week on the ice and hurt his leg. He has to walk with crutches. .. The Christmas program of the A. M. E. church was great and the Sunday school room was packed. Everything was first class and the orchestra made a hit and had to play one or two extra numbers. Mrs. Valentine, L. White and Mr. F. Minor worked hard with the help of others to make it a success and it was a big treat to all who attended. .. The Sunday evening Christian Endeavor meeting will never be forgotten. The president, Mrs. Anderson, placed a tree at the altar with candles on the tree. Every child that recited a candle was lighted and at the close of the meeting there were about 30 or 40 candles burning, so the brightness of the candles may show the brightness of each child. The church services were very good. Rev. Irvin delivered an able talk and the church turned out in full. There were about 200 at the meeting. Our church is doing fine. Please pray for our success. .. Mrs. Towsey, of Hamilton, Ohio, the mother of Rev. Irvin's wife, is here spending the holidays and we are glad to have her with us. .. The Christmas entertainment at Pleasant Green Baptist church, proved to be quite a success. A splendid crowd greeted the little folks as they rendered their lovely play, "A Search for Santa Claus," and the beautifully decorated Christmas tree with candles ablaze, made the old as well as the young feel cheerful and glad. Santa Claus seemed to be at his best, as he entered at the main door and distributed presents to the children and the many individual gifts brought in by friends. Rev. and Mrs. Chapman received many useful remembrances for which they feel very grateful. .. The choir of the Pleasant Green Baptist church rendered a special program of Christmas music at the Sunday evening services, which was a treat to all. .. Word has been received that Miss E. Mary Washington Nation, of the Day Nursery at the Home for Colored Girls at Cincinnati, Ohio, was painfully injured by falling on the ice. She will be brought home Monday. She is a sister of Mrs. Rev. Chapman.

NEWS OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(By B. H. Burnett.)

A birthday surprise party was given in honor of Miss Edna Watson Tuesday evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, 224 E. 4th avenue. Games and music were the features of the evening. Music was furnished by Claudius Farney's Orchestra.

Fine and sweet music was furnished by the Columbus Choral Club at the Chamber of Commerce Friday, Dec. 25, also at Shiloh Baptist church Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Anna Hurt, of North Grant avenue, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in West Virginia.

A beautiful Christmas party was given at the home of Miss Bessie Logan.

Mr. William Collins died at his home in Boone street December 24. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Newson and Miss Helen Collins. Mr. Collins was a member of Beacon Light Odd Fellows and was well known all over the city. The burial was in charge of Whittaker undertaking establishment. Rev. Collins officiated.

The Al. G. Fields Boys, Percy Jones, Doc Blair, Carl Lee and Ellis Cole, spent a merry Christmas in Colorado, the old home town.

Miss Ethel Hodge, of 50 North 5th street, is visiting relatives and friends of Erie, Pa.

Mrs. R. D. Lee, formerly of Louisville, Ky., who now resides with her daughter, Miss Katherine Trindell, of 216 N. Cleveland avenue, left Friday, December 25, to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Murray, of Owensboro, Ky.

For rent—One furnished room with gas and bath. Man preferred. 216 N. Cleveland avenue. adv.

Mr. Ed. Reynolds, who is employed by the B. & O. R. R., near Cincinnati, spent Christmas with his wife, Mrs. Laura Reynolds, of 163 St. Clair ave.

DANVILLE, ILL.

Prof. E. W. Diggs, of Bloomington, Ind., is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. D. Sharp. .. Jas. Cunningham is entertaining his brother and Mrs. Cunningham, her mother, during the holidays, both of Earleton, Ky. .. Mr. Robert Newby, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. E. Newby, of East Van Buren St. .. Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, 305 Lahr street, entertained Wednesday evening for their guest, Mrs. Olive Bank, of Terre Haute, Ind. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gaddie, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hosby, Mrs. Ida Allison and Mrs. Gertrude Mason. .. The dinner served by the ladies of St. Paul Baptist church Christmas day was very successful. .. Mr. Jos. Hosbey, captain of Fire Department No. 2, while engaged in fighting fire Tuesday morning at Boggs' Cafe, slipped on the ice and broke his wrist. .. Mss Lorena Smith, of Cairo, Ill., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Laura Lee, of Cherry street.

KENOSHA, WIS.

(By P. R. Savilles.)

Mrs. C. M. Carter, 652 Pleasant street entertained Xmas night and the affair was attended by thirty of her personal friends. She prepared supper and they enjoyed a splendid time playing whist and dancing was the enjoyment of the evening. After a delightful supper was served and all spent a pleasant evening.

Mrs. Hannah Harrison, of Anderson, S. C., has been treated so royally by her many friends of Kenosha that she thought it was her duty to return the same courtesy. Her birthday was on the 25th of December, which on that day she spends in prayer, so thankful to see another birthday, and on the night of the 26th Mrs. Harrison invited twelve couples at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kellerbrew, 824 Newell street, to a feast that will be long remembered in Kenosha by those who were present. She served a 24 lb. turkey and there was some real service. The Garrett orchestra furnished the music. The table was beautifully decorated with nice green ferns with spring blossoms. What was served: Turkey with oyster dressing, flavored with celery; rice schely, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni; delmo pie; crushed cranberries; chicken salad; plum pudding with English wine sauce. After dinner mints. Mr. P. R. Savilles was present at the dinner and he declared that the dinner was the best meal he had eaten in a long time. Mrs. Harrison is due much credit for the royal manner in which she served her friend and we will entertain her until her next birthday so she can return the same compliment. The party went home saying how they enjoyed the evening.

The Wayman Chapel A. M. E. church at Racine, Wis., will have one of the biggest evenings in the history of the church New Year's night. Speaking by S. J. Anderson and Logan Davis. Subject, "The Recreation of the Negro from His Existence in America."

Master Harry Turner, of Indianapolis, Ind., is spending the holidays with his father and mother, 1901 Racine street, Racine, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Allen, of 614 Dayton street, entertained Xmas day with a fat goose, which made the dinner a delightful one. The dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Savilles, Mrs. C. Mitchell and Mr. Parks. The dinner was enjoyed and many compliments passed.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS IN ORLANDO, FLA.

Prof. Eph Williams and Wife Entertained—Miss Louise Colyer Entertains Miss Jennie LaRoach—The Rabbit Foot Comedy Co. Here Dec. 21—Eph Williams Here Christmas Night.

(By Marcellus Henderson.)

Special to The Freeman.

The people of Orlando are greatly pleased at the coming of The Freeman here again. Its readers feel sad without it. Your correspondent hopes for you Merry Christmas holidays and a happy and glorious New Year, regardless of the adversities brought to our country by a foreign war.

Prof. Eph Williams and his remarkable company of Troubadours were here Christmas night and played to a packed house. Standing room could not be found. After the show Mr. Williams, his wife, daughter and Mr. Baynard went to Mr. C. D. Williams' where they were invited to a late dinner. It was at least twelve at night when they sat down to the choice environments consisting of turkey, chicken, western pork, mutton roast, and the other necessaries that usually follow at such grand feasts.

Miss Louise Solyer entertained in honor of Miss Jennie LaRoach Christmas day, and a fashionable home dance was enjoyed. Miss LaRoach is the daughter of Secretary of the G. U. O. of O. F. of the district of Florida. Present at the entertainment were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bishop, Misses Samatha and Jamie Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howard.

Prof. Geo. H. Mayes, a student of Dr. Booker T. Washington's great school at Tuskegee, was in the city several days last and this week and lectured at Mt. Olive A. M. E. church last Sunday night. Prof. Mays is a spendid speaker and puts the propositions of life to you clearly and distinctly.

The Rabbit Foot Comedy Co., managed by that most excellent gentleman, Mr. F. S. Wolcott, was here last Monday night and gave an excellent parade and a fine show. The big tent was packed to overflow and everybody enjoyed the show. The show had many fine actors and musicians, and one of the star actors was Mr. F. H. Dumas, well known as "Skeeter." He is truly a great character. Then there was "Billy Moore," a musician and his wife, Mrs. Hattie Moore. Billy spent several years here in his childhood before his distinguished father was made a chief officer in the A. M. E. church.

Oranges are red, sweet and juicy. Everything looks well for a happy New Year. See M. Henderson and make The Freeman 100 weekly for January, 1915.

ORGANIZATION OF THE OHIO LEGISLATURE—PROMINENT COLORED MEN RECOGNIZED.

Special to The Freeman.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—The Republican caucus for the organization of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives was held Monday in this city. As was predicted the colored people of the state were well taken care of in the way of positions. Many leaders among the colored people of Ohio were present, among them being Thomas W. Fleming, member of the Republican State Executive Committee and Samuel E. Woods, Cleveland, O.; Arthur J. Riggs, Springfield, O.; E. T. Banks, Dayton, O.; F. H. Harding, Marietta, O.; Richard Newell, Murray City, O.; Thomas E. Greene, Youngstown, O.; Robert Goins, Bellefontaine, O., and many others. The Republican Senators had held a secret caucus on Saturday and had failed to select a colored man for a clerkship. Upon learning this the colored leaders immediately got busy. Thomas W. Fleming insisted upon being heard in behalf of his candidate for enrolling clerk. Senator Howard, the caucus selection for President pro tem of the Senate, granted Mr. Fleming this privilege. Mr. Fleming appeared in the senate chamber and made an impressive appeal to the senators in behalf of his candidate and placed before them the name of Attorney Charles S. Sutton, of Cleveland, O., for enrolling clerk. A. J. Riggs also spoke. These talks compelled the senators to break their slate and Mr. Sutton was selected. Charles Logan, of Marion, O., Frank Robinson of Chillicothe, O., and G. W. Davis of Tiffin, O., were selected as custodians of the Senate. In the House, Calvin W. Reynolds, of Columbus, O., was elected as engrossing clerk and Thaddeus Wheeler of Dayton, O., will be seelcted as index clerk. Several other minor places will be given to colored men. Preparations are being made by the colored people of this city to take a prominent part in the inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect Frank B. Willis on January 11, 1915. Many prominent colored people from different sections of the state will be here.

NEWS OF SHREVEPORT, LA.

Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross Aid Society of Shreveport, La., held their annual grand lodge at the Odd Fellows' Hall December 29, 1914, this being the first legal and organized Boy Scouts in the State of Louisiana and the first league of the Red Cross Association among the colored people of the South. They have made a remarkable success selling Red Cross stamps in this city. The stamps were sold in various churches and business places. Board of directors: Rev. C. W. Mills, Rev. I. A. Carter, S. R., Rev. H. E. Moore, Rev. C. Shelton, Dr. Wm. Wallace, M. D., Dr. W. D. Wilson, M. D., Dr. J. T. Henderson, M. D., Dr. E. B. Liddell, M. D., Dr. Fred T. Jones, M. D.; Chas. M. Robinson, Honorary President; Rev. J. H. Hubbard, Grand Orator; Ben McElroy, Grand President; Miss Abbie Smith, Secretary.

Mr. John Johnson's combination four-piece orchestra has grown to six and he has named his organization the Imperial Orchestra. He is the manager and says they are all sober and reliable.

Mrs. Susie E. Harris is not on the sick list now and she enjoyed a merry Christmas and a happy New Year in Shreveport, La., where she has made many friends and acquaintances. She extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson, Alice Ramsey, Blanche Howell and the Lyric Theatre bunch, Kansas City, Mo.

Eagle and Imperial are quite busy filling holiday engagements.

The Freeman can be found at Dolph McCoy's barber shop on Texas ave., which seems to be a musician's headquarters, as the boys will hang around old "Dolph."

THE FREEMAN'S GILT-EDGED TEAM.

The Indianapolis Freeman is fortunate in having produced two of the leading correspondents among the pencil-pushers of the race, R. W. Thompson, of Washington, and Cary B. Lewis, of Chicago. They are performing a noble work for the race and their influence is far-reaching. Nothing of importance escapes their eagle eyes. And they are not back-biters, thank goodness!—Cleveland (Ohio) Advocate.

NEWS OF OCALA, FLA.

(By M. C. Henderson.)

Mr. T. W. Williams, of Asbury Park, N. J., was in the city. He is a constant reader of The Freeman.

The Metropolitan Realty Co. is still bringing god people to Ocala, having secured Mr. Allen H. Lee as bookkeeper, who is a graduate of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial School. Also Dr. Paris, of Shaw University, as druggist of their drug store.

Mrs. L. A. Jackson, proprietress of the Jackson House, has her house completely filled. She also is a subscriber to The Freeman.

Mr. L. C. Smith, a progressive citizen of Ocala, has enlarged his office (the Afro-American Insurance Co.). He also operates a cafe, barber shop and pool room.

Dr. E. Carrie Mitchell, one of our worthy lady physicians, is making good progress in her profession. She owns a well equipped drug store, employing three clerks.

GRAND CELEBRATION AT MOBILE, ALABAMA.

Rev. G. W. Lewis, pastor of Warren Street M. E. church, one of our able ministers, delivered a strong address at Franklin Street Baptist church at the Emancipation celebration, which services were largely attended. Many good things were spoken. He laid much stress upon the harm that alcohol had done to our people, and warned young men to cease so much hilarity, save their means, become registered voters and help make the community better, take advantage of school training, and be active in church work. He said the Negro problem must be worked out by concerted action of the Negro himself. .. The musical program at the Warren Street church last Tuesday night, December 22, with Miss Helen Hagan, the pianist of much renown, was a decided success. This young lady finished a course of music at Yale and took a special course in concert music in Paris, France. She has been well trained and her executions are perfect. Dr. H. Roger Williams was master of the occasion. .. Dr. A. D. Stunington, the popular physician, said Miss Hagan's recital was one of the best given in Mobile. .. The Dorcas Charity Association did fine work during Christmas, aiding the poor people.

NEWS OF DECATUR, ALA.

With the cold weather and incessant rains against us, some of the Christmas festivals were cut off, although it was quietly enjoyed by all. .. The Christmas tree given by the First Baptist Sunday school, owing to the inclement weather, was postponed to the 28th. It proved to be a grand success. .. Visitors in the city during the holidays were, Dr. I. Martin, son of our old citizen, Mr. J. E. Martin; Mrs. Chas. Sterrs, of Montgomery; Prof. E. Z. Mathews, Courtland, principal of N. A. B. A.; Miss Estelle Hays and niece, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Diggs, Hopkinsville, Ky. .. Mr. and Mrs. Fenoy, bride and groom of a very recent date, spent a short time in the city, guests of Mrs. Go. McDonald. .. Class No. 1 of the First Baptist Sunday school finished strong the last Sunday in the year. Reports for the day, $3.15, having raised more money during the year than any other class. No. 2 came in for second place. A. K. McMath is teaacher of class No. 1; Prof. J. A. Wilson, class No. 2.

NOTES OF BISMARCK, N. D.

The Colored Men's Association is progressing rapidly. We are still taking in new members and will be ready to set up the G. U. O. O. F. lodge early in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Anderson are rehearsing a new play entitled "The Dixie Students," in which Mr. Anderson is featuring his own original song entitled in "Honolulu," supported by a chorus of eight people.

Mr. Harold Wilson would like to hear from W. M. Flournoy, who is in Seattle, Wash.

Yours truly extends a Merry Christmas to all in and out of the profession.

MONTGOMERY, W. VA.

Dr. Orlander Hodge, of Chicago, is here the guest of his wife and other relatives.

Mr. Horatio Holmes died Dec. 24, 1914, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Holmes. Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 1914, at the Baptist church.

Mr. George Lee, of Huntington, is visiting friends here throughout the holidays.

Mr. John Holmes, of Oak Hill, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark Dec. 25, 1914.

Mr. George Woody, of Charleston, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Avery Johnson.

Miss Bessie Hopkins, of Winona, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Brooks.

Mrs. Bettie Arnold, of Brown, was calling on friends here last week.

Mrs. Celeste Brown improves slowly.

Mrs. Lillie Gough visited friends in Charleston last week.

Mr. Richard Jackson, of McKendred, is calling on friends in town.

Mrs. Bell Sydney, of Hansford, visited Mrs. Ed Lewis, last week.

Mr. Roscoe Dean, of Norfolk, Va., is spending the holidays here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Shattuck, the carpenter, of Huntington, W. Va., is spending Xmas holidays with friends here.

Mr. Emmett Saunders, who is attending the University, at Columbus, Ohio, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Thomas Owens, of Thurmond, is calling on friends.

Mr. William Burton, of Columbus, is the guest of relatives and friends here throughout the holidays.

Miss Stella Buster, of Cincinnati, attended the funeral of her brother, Horatio Holmes. She returned home on the 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jimerson, of Garrison, is the guest of their father, Mr. Samuel Morgan.

Misses Ethal and Katie Brown are visiting their parents here.

Mr. Emual Washington departed this life on Dec. 27, 1914, suddenly. He leaves a wife, one sister, two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

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THE PEKIN THEATRE, DAYTON, O.

Johnny Woods, the world's greatest ventriloquist, and "Little Henry" are playing here this week to a screaming audience and when Henry gets full of gin he sings the "Blues" that puts the house in a double scream.

Others on the bill are the Band & Huffman Musical Stock Co., a jolly bunch of girls and boys that really sing and dance. We had a merry Christmas and are looking for a happy New Year. We wish the same to all.

LYNCHBURG, VA.

Ike Bradford, piano; Mr. Partee, drummer for the Andersons and Pattersons at Ford Theatre, Lynchburg, Va. Hello Froglegs and Philigan and Balltop. Ha, ha.

ALL OUR PEOPLE SHOULD READ

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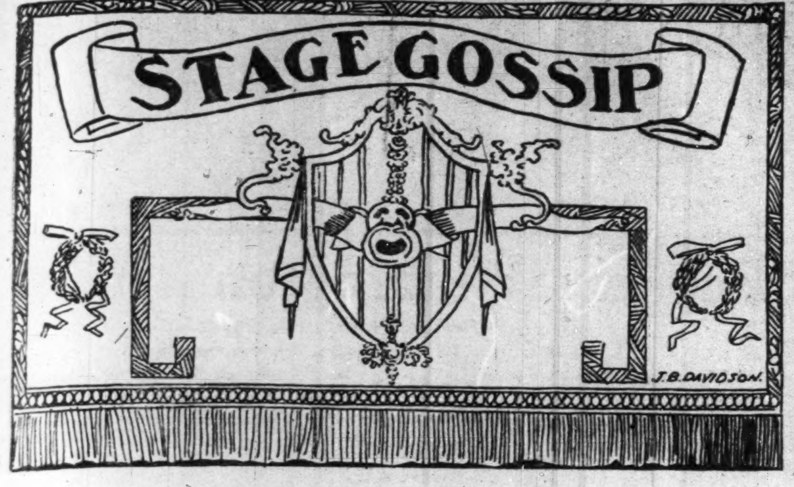

RESOLUTIONS.

(By Joe Watts)

To build a ladder New Years Day,
To climb it rung by rung,
To see the hearts you can make gay,
All the whole year round.

To be a friend to those you meet,
To treat them kind and true,
To help those who really need
And God will sure bless you.

To try to do the good you can
To every friend and foe,
To always wear a smiling face
Everywhere you go.

To try to cheer up some sad heart
To make life bright and gay,
To remember the sun will shine
After every dark and cloudy day.

STAGE NOTES.

The Clement Sisters are at Pittsburgh this week, doing nicely.

Leon, The Magician, will open dates January in the state of Florida.

Syd T. Carter is spending the holidays with relatives at Knoxville, Ill.

Stoval & Stoval will open up on the Consolidated time January 4. Now at Tulsa, Okla.

Simms & Thompson at the Grand Theatre, Rutland, Vt., this week. Happy New Year to all.

Hanah & Hanah are teaming, doing tumbling and magic. Address Globe Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla.

Hattie M. Bobbs can be found at 931 Lee street, Alexandria La., where she is spending the holidays.

R. G. Simmons, cornet player, is spending the holidays at his home, 315 Mitchell street, Humbolt, Tenn.

The Schaffers, at the New Lincoln Theatre week of December 28, Tulsa, Okla. Open Consolidated time January 4.

Anita Wilkins is out in a calendar which she is sending around to her friends. It is ornamented with her likeness.

Master Robert Crowd (Presto Robb) is becoming a great magician. He is still at the Globe Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla.

DeLyons, Jeffrey & Gee write: "We are doing fine with Russell & Owens' Stock Company, at Pekin Theatre. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Look out for the annual stage review by W. L. My impressions of the stage persons I have met and the rest of it. You can't afford to miss the issue.

The Cabaret Trio, Johnson, Edwards and Webb, is at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, this week. They are giving a good entertainment. All they do is good—jokes, songs. The trio is a hit.

Rockville's Sunny South Company, with Cherokee Thornton, Newell Morse, Edith Harrison, Tiny Walker and the bunch, wish all friends in and out of the profession a Happy New Year. Two more weeks in Canada.

The Laughter Bros., the Saxaphone Kids, were in Indianapolis this week, filling an engagement. The boys are from Tuskegee. They were members of the Tuskegee Band, which was seen in this city two seasons.

Briggs Bennett, the husband of Lalla Bennett, died at Waxahachie, Texas, December 15, after an illness of four weeks. He was buried in that city. Mr. Bennett was well known to the profession.

Annie St. Clair is spending the holidays with her mother at Jacksonville, Fla. She received a beautiful pair of ear rings from the "main guy" for Christmas, so she is wearing the smile that won't come off. Oh you Miami!

Allen & Wiggins enjoyed Christmas week at Nixon's Colonial Theatre the first half; Washburn's Theatre, Chester, Pa., last half. Week of Dec. 28, first half, Dixie Theatre, Manayunk, Pa.; last half, Girard Theatre, Philadelphia, with twelve weeks to follow.

John Pramplin, balancer, juggler, is one of the feature attractions at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, this week. Pramplin has his work down fine. His juggling stunts are good, but he shines as a balancer, doing some of the most difficult feats known to the business.

The boys of the Field Minstrels spent their holidays at home after completing the Southern wheel of the season trip, which was highly successful. Carl W. Lee, Fred (Doc) Blair, Percy D. Jones and Ellis D. Cole wish all their friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. They write from Jackson, Tenn.

Hansom S. Ballard, Jr., the stage manager and sign painter at the Howard Theatre, Washington, D. C., has left for his home in Jacksonville, Fla., to bury his sister, Mrs. Selech E. Ballard, who died while the young man was on his way down to see her. We all extend him sympathy. He was faithful around the show house. We are expecting him back after the funeral.

AT THE CROWN GARDEN THIS WEEK.

William H. Reed presents his Master Minstrel Company. It is creating a furore at the above named Garden. The patrons of the place express themselves as delighted with the subtle humor, the delicate wit, and above all things, the sweet singing and wonderful dancing of the company as a whole. Mr. Geo. W. Bass, the principal comedian, is certainly one of the best seen here. Mr. Bass is an Indianapolis boy and those that appreciate good, clean comedy should not fail to see him. He is ably assisted by Mr. A. W. Williams, of whose ability no more need be said. Mr. Irvin Richardson, as their straight man, is par excellence. In fact, you must see them to appreciate fully the entertaining qualities. The rest of the company which go to make up this remarkable show are, Miss Thelma Williams, who sings 'Just for Tonight" with style and grace that captivates the audience at the start. Mr. Walter Robbins, is a tenor, who is widely known in the East, sings most effectively that pathetic ballad, " I Had a Gal, I Had a Pal and He Stole My Gal Away." Next to follow was Geo. W. Bass, better known as Black Bass, who sings 'It Aint What You Use to Have, It's What Have You Got Right Now." Mr. A. W. Williams, opposite comedian to Mr. Bass, sings "Down in Chattanooga," and was well received. Last but not least to sing in the first part was Mr. Irvin Richardson, New York City's sweetest lyric tenor singer, renders that sweet ballad, "In the Heart of a City That Has No Heart," which was highly appreciated by the audience. After this song the first part is concluded by the entire company, singing "All Aboard for Dixie Land."

Black Bass, Richardson and Robinson trio. This is the trio's first time West and one of the best ever seen at this house. These boys feature the company and are capable of doing so. This act is an exceptionally good one and will be an attraction anywhere.

Mr. Reed has left nothing undone to make this company one of the best. He also carries a band composed of the following members: Mr. Jones Rash, trombone; Mr. William Pote, trombone; Mr. Thomas Stirman, cornet and leader of band; Mr. Fritz Bristol, cornet; Mr. Geo. King, tuba; Mr. Alex Calmese, alto; Mr. Walter Jones, baritone; Mr. Irvin Richardson, bass drum; Mr. Wm. H. Reed, snare drum. These boys are all first class musicians.

PRINCESS SOTANKI AT THE CROWN GARDEN THEATRE, INDIANAPOLIS.

In the Hindoo Dance of Death.

A wonderful little lady is Princess Sotanki. It has been her privilege to have the most varied and most wonderful career of any colored performer before the public. She has traveled the world over, giving exhibitions with her husband, who was a Hindostan. She lived among the people of the far East. The Syrians insist she is one of them. She has their features, their language and that different personality that belong to foreigners.

The Princess is at home in India, where she learned much of their lore, including magic, snake charming,etc. She has what she calls the reading gift—delving into the future—that occult science about which there is so much dispute. She learned French in France, making four languages which she speaks fluently.

Her act this week is the Hindoo Dance of Death. She is preceded by that peculiar, weird music known as the snake charming music, noted for its solemnity and monotony—drums much in evidence.

She comes on, dazzling, in a bespangled costume. She shines and sparkles all over, enough to charm any kind of "varmint," including men. Slowly she reels about the stage to the music of the orchestra, accompanied by bells in each of her own hands. Some don't see the significance of it all until she stops and drags forth a huge reptile; it is now plain enough. The audience admires the woman's nerve, but with no thought of a desire to exchange places with her; not a man, woman or child. She fondles her great snake, pressing it to her bosom, and other forms of endearment. Finally she pretends to be bitten; gives a piercing scream which has the ring of reality. The audience shudders. Then comes the death scene, which is so artistically done that it is good to see. Her death agony has the appearance of the real thing. No laughs at this masterful presentation. The stupefied audience does not know whether to keep silent in contemplation or applaud the artist for her fine work. The curtain rings down.

MALLORY BROS AT JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

In the Mallory Bros. writeup last week the location of their place of business was omitted. They were formerly performers, playing the best houses in the country. They are now in business, meeting with success, at Jacksonville, Ill.

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Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

GAINES AND BROWN AT THE GRAND—S. H. DUDLEY A BIG CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION.

This week's offering at the Grand has a fine show during the first half of the week. Gaines & Brown were better and more popular than ever, especially the singing of Will Brown and Sam Gaines, comic activities. The white acts were Charles Silvers in "Stage Struck," a comedy somewhat uncertain in structure but with bits of pathos and joy, showed the star to be an excellent actor. The lady and man in support were also satisfactory. Pero and Wilson were good in comedy and jugglery. Jewell & Gordon, whistlers, had one expert. The Eight Arabian Tumblers were also good. The last half of last week had S. H. Dudley, who turned people away Christmas day and evening. James and Ethel Lillard were good in novelty whirlwind dancing. The white acts were Eline Gardner, an excellent soubrette actress of artistic merit; La Belle Clark and Grand Duke, a talented horse, and Humid Kalla Pascha's comedy wrestlers, who were amusing. Roseika and company open a special engagement here beginning Monday, January 4th.

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The Drake-Walker Trio at the New Monogram.

There was a splendid treat in store at this house when Mr. Drake, the now improved black face comic comedian, and Miss Walker, the very talented soubret, and young Drake, the boy dancer and drummer, held the audience spellbound but a little overtime in rhapsodies of laughter and they were all artists. Morton & Wilson, in a very classy act, lavishly wardrobed, again made a hit on their return. Washburn & Piper, in a new act splendidly conceived, were equal to anything on the bill. Margie Crosby, in the song, "A Long Long Way From Home," even if rendered a little slow, qualified effectively.

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Josephine Tobias at the Monogram—Brown & Brown Score in a New Act.

When Josephine Tobias, a new songbird, dawned upon us last Monday evening, it was quite an agreeable surprise. Her "Isle d'Amour" was rendered with perfection and except for a lack of pressure in the lower register, her voice is a light dramatic soprano of sweet quality, very like Abbie Mitchells. The bill, which was very good, had Buddie and Toy Brown in a new act, which made a hit and stopped the show. Sampson & Sampson, musical artists and duet singers, were well liked and pleased. Swan & Wilson, a white team, played a return date in their dancing specialty.

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Beautiful States' Theatre.

Business among the movies seems to prosper, especially at this house. "As Ye Sow" was a splendid picture.

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The Lincoln.

"The Thief"drew a large, curious audience here all day and Sunday evening.

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The Phoenix.

Manager Hammond, who is always on the job, had big business to see "Lena Rivers."

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The Fountain.

"Shadows of the Past" was unusually well attended at the Thirty-fifth street house.

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The Washington.

"The Spoilers," one of the greatest of pictures, filled this house from 3 p. m. until 1 p. m.

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The New Atlas Theatre.

"The Last Dance' featuring "Conchita" was last Sunday's bill. "Human Wolves" will be Saturday's attraction and Sunday will have "The Black Triangle." This house is at 47th and State streets.

STAGE NOTES AND STROLL NEWS.

A happy New Year to all. Let us hope.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Perkins, of East St. Louis, have been the guests of Mrs. Myrtle Branner during the holidays.

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Walter Rector, of Johnson & Rector, is to handle the Theatrical Guide and he is a first rate man. Billy Ward has left town.

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Carita Day has changed her name, it is said, for convenience. She has been booked on a big time circuit.

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Sam Evans, the ventriloquist, has been booked for eighteen weeks on the United time. He has left for Ottawa, Can., where he opened on September 31st.

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Alf Kelly's string quintette has closed his special 4 to 6 o'clock engagement to play for tango at the Palmer House. The members were Ernest Bennett, mandoline; Alf Kelly, second mandolin; Chas. Hill, piano; Nat Tomey, cello, and George Reeves, trap drummer.

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Alfred Henry Lewis, the great political critic of the Hearst newspapers, is dead. He was a brave, brainy man and one who told valuable truths about public men and things and did much good for the welfare of the country.

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The Rajahs, better known as "Vena" and J. A. Downing have finished local engagements at the Academy, Columbia, and Indiana theatres on the Western Vaudeville Association time.

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Kid Thomas has taken a house at 3148 Wabash avenue for his wife, Margaret Ward, where actors can be nicely accommodated. The Kid H. Thomas House advertisement will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Speedy had Sylvester Russell as their special guest on Christmas evening. They visited the Panama, Mineral Springs and De Luxe, where Miss Mary Ray, of the cabaret, sang "All Day Long" for the guests by request.

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The special Christmas issue of the Freeman, was the talk of Chicago and I can safely say there was nothing in its class.

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The State Street Stroll, my monthly co-operative magazine and advertiser, came out again with a holiday issue and will be with us all next year and indefinitely. The new Chicago Leader went under last November. W. Melvin Hutton was a good country editor and business man, but proved to be only an amateur in Chicago. He has left the city.

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The Old Year's Valedictory.

New year; the old year's gone,
With whistling wind and current air;
Thro' empty space its ghost is borne,
To sleep, somewhere;
But Father Time is there.

Old year, the new year's here,
The clouds have settled for the rain,
The lightning, thunder and the fear;
But storms will clear,
So good luck, bright new year!

(By Billy E. Jones.)

NEW YORK, N. Y. (Special.)

Cooper & Smith are at the Colonial Theatre, Erie, Pa.

Gains & Brown are at the Orpheum Theatre, Elkhart, Ind.

Brooks & Bowen are at the Polis Theatre, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Kratons are at the Pantages Theatre, Los Angeles.

Miller & Lyles are at the Columbia Theatre, St. Louis, Mo.

Marshall & Cumbey are at the New Grand Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn.

The patrons are highly entertained by the artists at Wood's Cafe, 2161 Fifth avenue, New York. Great cabaret show.

The New Crescent Cafe, 126 West 135th street. The management is giving the patrons a good cabaret show during the holidays.

At the Libya Dining Rooms, 115 W. 131st street, New York, Miss Cora Cross and Lillian Rose are entertaining the patrons with the late song hits, including "Lonesome for You" and "It's Too Late Now."

Billy E. Jones, the popular ballad singer, is scoring a big success with song, "I Loved You Since You Were a Baby." Would like a young comedian and girl rag singer for my piano act. B. Jones, 228 Prince St., Brooklyn.

A new instrumental number, "The Magnetic Rag," by Scott Joplin, is being featured by the leading orchestras in New York. Mr. Joplin has now moved to 133 West 138th street, New York, and will mail this popular piece for 12 cents. Regards to all friends.

The Lafayette Theatre, New York, is presenting tip top vaudeville at this popular house. Messrs. Walton and Morganstern are always on the lookout for good acts which has been the cause of the success of this theatre. During the holidays extra features have been added.

Winifred & Marten, the act always working, enroute Dec. 7, first half, Proctor & Proctor; last half, 125th St., New York. Week of Dec. 14, first half, 58th St., Proctors, N. Y.; last half, 23d St., Proctor, N. Y. Week Dec. 21, first half, Lyric Theatre, Newark, and last half Elizabeth, N. J. Week Dec. 28, Proctors, Mt. Vernon, first half, and last half Proctors, Plainfield, N. J.

Prof. Wm. Jones' orchestra at Rensaler's Casino with the musical numbers this week: Wonderful Love, two-step, H. Vontilzer; Love's Memories, waltz, H. Vontilzer; It's Too Late Now, two-step, W. Vontilzer; Rose of My Heart, waltz, Richmond; If I Had My Way, waltz, Richmond; Pick of the Family, two-step, Morris; Apple Sass Rag, Buck and Lowney; Palm Beach, fox trot, Stern; Dancing the Blues Away, Feist; I've Only One Idea About the Girls, two-step, Feist; When You Wore a Tulip, two-step, Feist; Millicent Waltz, Ricordi.

DREAMLAND THEATRE, TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

(By J. Francis Mores.)

Special to The Freeman

Of the many complimentary things said of the various managers and theatres throughout the country up to the present, nothing has been said through the columns of the Freeman of the present manager and theatre which is the subject of this item. Reference is made to the efficient Mr. J. W. Williams and his affable wife, Mrs. L. T. Williams, owners and managers of The Dreamland Theatre, one of the finest theatres for colored people in the country and the finest in the Southwest. It is a modern two-story brick building with a frontage of 60 feet and depth of 120 feet. Spacious seating capacity for 1,200 people, large stage, nice dressing rooms, special scenery, and showing special feature pictures. Among the series are: "Lucile Love," "The Trey o' Hearts," and "The Master Key, also "Million Dollar Mystery." "Doc" Straine is amusement director. Among the players are ,singles: Alice Saulsby, J. Francis Mores, Sam Russell, Anna Overton, A. Joe Byrd and Doctor Hall. Teams: Sandy & Grotchen Burns, Ernest Whitman & Baby Thomas, Rastus BBrown, Cleo Mitchell & Lovie Whiteman. Orchestra: Virgie Middleton, piano; M. Adams, clarinet; A. Fabric, cornet, and Archie Roshon, drums; "Dad" McMillan, house staff.

Up-to-date vaudeville and stock are the orders of the day here. Managers, vaudeville and stock people, write or wire.

Mr. Williams is also owner and proprietor of the East End Garage, while Mrs. Williams is proprietor of Williams' Confectionary, and finds time also to assume the duties of secretary and treasurer of their various enterprises.

STAR THEATRE, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The offering at this theatre last week was a stock company and among the members were Pete and Hayes. The theatre was well crowded during the week. At the performances during the last three days of the week Baby Jim was an added attraction. This week's bill includes some clever legless boxers and they attract much interest among the spectators while they perform. The Clement Sisters went very good with their nifty stories and dancing. The singing was taken fairly well. The bill closed with Granstaff and Davis. These boys were the hit of the bill with their cornets and trombone. Mr. Davis was exceptionally fine with two cornets. The house was filled to its utmost capacity at each performance during the evening. Mr. Minsky, the manager, says that next week's bill will include three of the best acts on the road.

NOTES FROM THE VICTOR THEATRE, BRUNSWICK, GA.

Business is still good. The S. R. O. sign was out Monday and Saturday nights Mr. Geo. Barrett and Mr. Jim Buggs, managers, are very much pleased with the way the people are turning out and to show their appreciation of the same they have a fine treat in store for Christmas week.

Mr. Silas Green, our stage manager, is still furnishing the people what they want.

The bill was as good as the opening week. The show opened with Miss Priscilla Algreeta, a Spanish singer from Mexico City. Her singing of Quien Quisiera in her native tongue brought down the house.

Mr. Sam Jones, the energetic monologuist, is still going big.

Prince Ali Mona, the high caste Hindoo entertainer, assisted by Mrs. Emma Barrett, scored again this week with his oriental magic, the latest addition to this act being the Asrah illusion and a very unique opening.

The last half of the week he did a juggling act, which he calls an oriental mystical offering. That was great. His juggling of sharp butcher knives while blindfolded showed great skill.

His catching a 50-pound shell on the back of his neck is a feat seldom seen in this country. Both acts have been booked with the J. C. O'Brien Famous Georgia Minstrels for the season of 915.

The bill was closed with a red hot number. The Greens, Silas and Ada, Their comedy made 'em scream, while Mrs. Green's song, "That's the Kind of Man I Want," takes two and three encores nightly. Silas, with his human top spin, always gets his share of the applause. His song, "If You Watch My Girl and Leave Yours Alone I Name You Loser," left the house in a storm.

Our picture program is always good and up to the standard.

Mr. Alonzo Williams, our cornetist, sends regards to Johnny Howard, Eugene Thompson and L. P. Anderson.

Mr. George Barrett sends regards to Princess Sotanki and says, "Hello, Drew, look out for Ali Mona, he's got some juggling act."

SEEING THE SHOW FROM THE BOOTH, CORDELE, GA., WEEK OF DECEMBER 21ST.

The Dick and Miles Stock Company opened Monday night, the Elite having been dark for one week.

The opening chorus was good, though there seemed to be a lack of good rehearsing.

Woodson & Woodson followed and were good. Mrs. Woodson's "When You're a Long Ways from Home," a difficult song for this audience, was well received.

W. Crawford, a single, followed. He got 'em from the start and did not put it "over their heads." A good judge of an audience and a funny, clever worker. Good luck, W. C.

Nettie Matthews, more child than woman, did a contortionist turn that left a pleasing effect on the audience. Credit must be given to the little lady for her quick, clean-cut work. No three minutes' bowing in her act.

Happy Ray Miles and Miles next. A good singing, talking and dancing act. Ray is a clever demonstrative dancer and he didn't tire the audience as do some good buck dancers. "When I Met You I Met My Waterloo" was their closing song and soft shoe dance and everybody is humming the song.

Jimmie Dick, single, was fifth in the olio. Gags and song good.

"One Lung's Laundry" closed the bill. Dick was at a good advantage and used it. Woodson, a chuck, was funny and tall. The company is here for two weeks.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT.

Week of Dec. 28, 1914.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theatre, Lew W. Henry, Mgr.: Martin & Motley Stock Co. Three Cuban Nightingales, Butler & Johnson, Allen & Wiggins are at the Howard Theatre, Andrew J. Thomas, Mgr. Fairyland Theatre, Brooks & Ross, Mgrs.: Toliver & Chapelle.

Baltimore, Md.—Lincoln Theatre, Benj. Flake, Mgr.: Ricks & Talbert.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, Mgr.: Martin & Ramsey, The Goodlettes.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, Mgr.: Dorsey Lazzo Trio, World Davis.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre, John T. Gibson, Mgr.: Beans & Ella, Nickerson & Ramsey, Keys & Logan.

Danville, Va.—Columbia Theatre, W. A. Donlevy, Mgr.: Jones & Jones.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Star Theatre, Abe Minsky, Mgr.: Clements Sisters, Granstaff & Davis.

Detroit, Mich.—Vaudette Theatre, C. L. Dudley, Mgr.: Davis & Greer, Grundy & Lazzo, Pee Wees.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Lincoln Theatre, T. Spencer Finley, Mgr.: Jones & Jones, Lawson & Brown, Chas. Anderson.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Crown Garden Theatre, Tim E. Owsley, Mgr.: Green & Holt, Langster Bros.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre, Wilhoit & Collier, Mgrs.: Brown & Pinkey.

Memphis, Tenn.—Church Park Theatre, S. T. Beer, Mgr.: Black Patti Show.

ROUTE.

His Excellency, the President, Salem Tutt Whitney, Columbus, Ohio, January 4-5-6; Dayton, 7-8-9.

William McCabe's Georgia Troubadours—Giltner, Neb., January 4; Minden, 5; Axtell, 6; Holdredge, 9.

Kibble and Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.—Elkhart, Ind., January 4; South Bend, 5; Battle Creek, Mich., 6; Jackson, 7; Owosso, 8; Bay City, 9.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Alford, John	Laws, John
Austin, Buster	Miles, Mr. Ray
Adams, Steve	May, W. M.
Brinker, J. C.	The Great Melva
Butler, G. E.	Moore, Tim.
Brown, Jim.	Neely, Walter
Connor, Reid	Price, Thomas.
Clermont, E.	Perman, Frank.
Dennis, J. W.	Peterson, Wallace
Dryden, Carl.	Parker, Eli
English, Charles	Perryman, Frank
Edwards, B.	Rollins, John P.
Graham, Moses.	Randall, Will
Goode, Sam	Rosen, Sam.
Garrett, Jimmie	Redmond, Ralph.
Harper, Lenord	Sandifer, J. K.
Hull, D. R.	Stewart, R. H.
Houze & Houze	Suggs, Percy
Housley Bros.	Billy Too Sweet
Johnson, Simpson	Streety, Willie
Jennings, Henry	Taylor, J. A. B.
Two Johnsons.	Tucker, T. M.
Keith, Frank	Wilson, Yorkie
King, A. D.	White, Toney
Kewley, Fred	Washington, W. F.
Leach, Robert	Williams, J. H.
La Rose, C. A.	Williams, Clarence
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Lee, William.	

Ladies' List.

Arnte, Gracie.	Legge, Tressie
Allen, Miss L.	Luster, Miss Vic.
Butler, Trixie	Lee, Mrs. Pearl.
Brown, Mary Lee	Miles, Mrs. J. C.
Carter, Edna	Martin, Miss Eva
Cox, Miss Dickie	Masengale, Mrs. O.
Chappell, Mrs. L.	Middlemese, Martha
Delk, Tootsie	Russell, Blanche.
Jackson, Ora.	Webster, Miss Alma.

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The dear ones that remembered me so sweetly with letters of condolence and beautiful florals accept my heartfelt thanks, especially Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs Copeland and Father Oxley, of St. Andrews Episcopal church.

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Are you weary, broken-hearted,
Has the load been hard to bear?
Did the Year, thats' just departed,
Weight you down with grief and care?

All your plans, perhaps, miscarried
And the future seems obscure;
While by want and woe you're harried
And your friends no more endure.

Have your brightest hopes been shattered,
By the wiles of wicked men?
Does the bread, that you have scattered,
Fail to come to shore again?

Even so, don't shun the battle,
Gird yourself with Truth and Right;
Shout like "Jones," till echoes rattle,
"Sir! I've just commenced to fight!"

Spread your chest and square your shoulders,
Quicken step and raise your chin;
Fan your courage that now smoulders,
Greet the New Year coming in.

With Hope renewed and Faith undaunted,
Banish worry with a laugh;
Brush aside the doubts that haunted
Spectre-like upon thy path.

Firm thy stand as old Gibraltar;
Hurl defy to every foe;
March right on and never falter,
Through the New Year conquering go.

Loss of wealth, may cause much grieving;
Loss of friends, your heart to pour;
But the fight's ne'er past retrieving
Till one's courage lives no more.

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Hard Times.

"Hard Times!" says the Coal Baron, as he leans back in his swivel chair, puffing a pure Havana cigar; then he glances fearfully about his comfortable, steam-heated office, grasps the telephone receiver and issues an edict that raises the price of coal. The Coal Baron has made "hard times" a subterfuge. Little he cares that he has made "hard times" harder, and that thousands will perish from cold because of him.

"Hard Times!" cries the Grocer, then raises the price of foodstuffs and the old and weak, widows and orphans go supperless to bed.

"Hard Times!" clamours the Cotton King; then ceases to buy the cotton, making it a valueless burden upon the Planter's hands, thereby forcing the prices lower and lower, till the Planter, in desperation, is compelled to sell. The the Cotton King will buy at a tremendous profit, while the Planter sees the mortgage hang like a menacing guillotine above his head and debt stalks at his heels, an unrelenting nemesis.

I am not an economist, but I have traveled and nowhere do I hear of a dearth of crops. The tobacco crop is good. Yet most of the tobacco factories are closed and thousands of men and women are out of work. The wheat crop was fine, yet there is no reduction in the price of flour. The apple crop was great, enough apples rotted on the ground to feed all the starving Belgian children, yet a good round, red, juicy apple will cost one five cents at any fruit stand. The cotton crop was prodigious, yet the gin-mill and the compress are silent, the army of the unemployed is colossal. The South is paralyzed; millions of human beings are insufficiently clothed; while in the South one sees cotton everywhere. In the stores on the sidewalks, in the streets, in the fields and warehouses. Cotton, cotton everywhere and not a soul to buy it. Myriads of bales, snow-white, wrapped in their tow sack coverings and bound with bands of steel. Cotton enough to form pyramids that would rival those of Ancient Egypt. Bales in numbers sufficient to form entrenchments, behind whose bulwarks all the belligerent powers of Europe might find safe entrenchment. The coal mines are still a prolific source of profit to the railroad companies and the coal trust. They take yearly toll of thousands of lives of men whose duty it is to wrest this treasure from the bowels of the earth. Yet these magnates have ruthlessly shot and killed hundreds of others that they might depress the wages of these toilers and augment their own profits.

Why this despairing cry of "hard times?" Is it the unequal distribution of wealth or is it caused by the selfishness and greed of men? Did Christ live and suffer crucifixion in vain? Is Christianity a failure? We arrive at the decline of the 20th century and find more than half of the civilized world engaged in the most barbaric warfare of all times. The end of the 20th century finds the bulk of the wealth of the world in the hands of an unscrupulous few, while millions are calling, calling from all over the earth, in supplicating tones that should soften a heart of stone: "Give me but the crumbs that fall from thy table."

Christ did not live and die in vain. We have but to open our hearts and let His blessed spirit enter. This Xmas should mark the birth of the new Christ Spirit in our hearts. This New Year we should resolve to live more closely to the golden rule. Some of us are wont to hollow "hard times" with the proverbial loaf of bread in our mouths. If we would give some heed to the misery and desolation of others, we would find that "hard times" did not exist for us. We should become imbued with the grateful spirit of the German soldier, who thanked God that it was both his legs shot away and not both his arms, because he was a tailor by trade.

Lawrence "Buss" Williams, is confined in the Clarksville hospital with a serious attack of typhoid fever. The doctors say that he will recover. Mr. Williams has been with the Smart Set Company ever since its initiation and is one of its most valued and respected members.

J. Martin Free, advance manager for the company, is down with a bad attack of pneumonia.

Miss Emma Jackson underwent a serious operation at the Gynecean hospital, 247 North 18th street, Philadelphia, Pa. The physicians in charge entertain hopes of her ultimate recovery. This was Miss Jackson's second season with the show. Her work and charming personality are greatly missed.

Bob Reed, of Birmingham, Ala., is easily the best known colored man of the city. He is known as an all round good fellow and a true friend. He has been engaged in the moving picture business for some time and has now opened the Standard Club for ladies and gentlemen. The club is handsomely furnished and well appointed and will no doubt prove a successful investment under the direction of Mr. Reed.

Al Strauder wishes his friends in and out of the profession a Happy New Year. He has nearly recovered from his recent illness.

The K. of P. lodge, Climax No. 7, Birmingham, Ala., should be called the Smart Set lodge. More than fifteen members of the company have been made in this lodge, which is one of the successful lodges of the country.

This letter was received from Alexander Tolliver:

Gadsden, Ala., Dec. 12, '14.

Mr. Whitney:

Dear Sir—On seeing an article in The Freeman wherein you accused me of using the name "Smart Set" in an effort to delude the public, will state in reply that I became a member of this company last April and when I joined them they had then been on the road for several weeks and known as Chas. Collier's Smart Set, under canvas. Now as I am not financially interested in this company and the management only pays me for my act, it is not for me to tell them what they should or what they should not do. When I joined the show I joined Collier's Smart Set. I did not bring the name with me or did I have anything to do with organizing the show. It is their show, and I presume they can call it anything they like, that's not up to me. But so far as I am concerned, I have no desire whatever to use the name Smart Set. Have not and will not at any time. I am not responsible for what other people say or do. I am prepared to fight life's battles and I trust you will not mislead the public any more by using my name through the theatrical journals in such a manner.

Hoping you and your company success, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
Care Gadsden Theater,
Gadsden, Ala.

RICHARD & PRINGLES MINSTRELS.

The Georgia's are in the state of Washington among the snow and ice. Boys are all entrenching for Seattle, where a big bombardment will take place from Dec. 27th to Jan. 3d.

Our band was invited to the high school at Brewster, Wash., Dec. 18th, and gave a nice concert to great applause. Show doing nicely. All send regards to friends wishing a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Bennie Jones sends regards to Kelley & Davis. Buster Murdock is with us and sends regards to all friends. Robert (Sippi) Miller still sitting in the car—snow falling. Whitney Vinney sends regards to the Sunny South Co. Chick Beaman was deeply grieved to learn of Marion Brooks' untimely death as they were personal friends. Beaman was a member of the Brooks-Smith Players the entire season of 1912. All the Georgia's feel very sad over the death of Mr. Brooks.

NOTES FROM MARSHALL'S HAPPY DAYS IN DIXIELAND CO.

We are in Lawton, held over for the holidays. The company is now making one and two week stands. Two weeks in Ft. Worth, Tex., with two weeks in Dallas to follow enroute to the coast. We are now on our private car Zerina, having all state rooms. The entire company is making hits nightly. Mr. Leon W. Marshall is giving a swell Christmas dinner for the entire company. Mr. Luke Gavin and Mr. Billy Arnte, our premier comedians, are wonders. All musicians that double S. & B. or B. & O. write as per route. Would also like to hear from all good performers either. Write Billy J. Arnte or Mr. Leon W. Marshall. Billy Arnte sends regards and would like to hear from Miss Gracie Arnte. Miss Ceola Vaughan says hello C. Adam La Rose.

DORSEY & LAZZO, PELLIBONE & PICKS.

After closing a successful week at the Hippodrome Theatre, Richmond, Va., Dorsey-Lazzo Trio joined hands with Miss Mildren Pellibone & Picks. The company will be known as Dorsey-Lazzo, Pellibone & Picks. While in Richmond they were highly entertained by Tim and Hester Moore, also Miss Lucinda Davis, who is of a very distinguished family of Richmond. The company will open at Danville, Va., for two weeks. Regards to Tim and Hester Moore.

NOTES FROM LITTLEJOHN'S SHOWS.

(By Silas E. Elliott.)

We are now playing to good business in Alabama, after three weeks at Westpoint, Ga., where we placed a part of our shows in storage for the winter, and rehearsed the new shows for our all winter tour. We have a crack ten piece band and eight piece orchestra. Prof. E. N. Calloway, first violin and leader. Needless to say that the orchestra is more than making good under Prof. Calloway's direction. The latest additions to the company are Dokes & Dokes, late of the greater Sheesly's shows; Eddie (Monkey) Bunch and Willie Hudson, the two dancing boys. Yes, they dance single and double. Madame Mary Orr, our prima donna, is singing with much success "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm" and "Peg O' My Heart." Miss Johanna Lang, leading la— and character artist, continues to win applause with her work. Mrs. Lillie Dokes sings "You're So Different from the Rest" and "All That I Had Is Gone" in a very pleasing manner. Misses Porter and Givens, our two soubrettes, continue to please, dancing and singing the latest song hits. Mr. Geo. Riley, stage manager, says hello Tom Scott and Rich Brown. Write me. Prof. E. N. Calloway and Noah Washington say hello to the Young Bros.' bunch. Write care Freeman. We read it right on and the ghost has not been hurt in the war yet. The company sends regards to friends. Write care of The Freeman.

RICHARD & PRINGLES MINSTRELS.

The famous Georgia's have won fame again. Played Brewster, Wash., in a rooming house. At Chelan, Wash., we had a four mile auto drive over the mountains after show. Dangerous passes and deep gorges six hundred feet below with about one foot of road to spare. Some of our brave boys took cold feet when the time came to ride, and remained up town and walked the trail next day.

Rode a bronco the night of Dec. 23 on the Great Northern's fastest train No. 25. Barring the mail. Our car followed us through the Cascades on a slower train. Have been in the snow and ice over three weeks. Baker heater still froze. Slept in sweaters Dec. 18-19. All are well trained now, could join some army and pass (A No. 1). Expect a jolly time in Seattle. Duck Collins still paddling. Sippi Miller says he has been West once. Oh you Palmetto state. Hello A. G. Allen's bunch; glad to hear of the change. Wish all success. We know you will have a No. 1 concert band. Our band is doing nicely for the number of pieces carried, under Robert Leach. B. E. Edwards, our sweet tone tenor, is excellent. Louis Harrison, female impersonator, is doing fine. Regards to all.

WEEKLY REVIEWS FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

ADVANCED VAUDEVILLE.

Metropolitan Theater.

Ethlyn and Luke, very good. Billy Ewing, card manipulator, applauded. The show this week is an offering of a superlative mode, the entire bill is good. It is a variety you may as well say. The weather last week was very bad, and the show was very good, but it seems as if the weather is with us this week, the air is not so heavy with rain, as was the case last week, and it was continually raining last week, which made business fall off somewhat, but let us hope to see capacity business this week. "The Million Dollar Mystery" proved to be a success here, the series are over now, but in order to give his patrons the best in "Photoplays," and vaudeville, he has secured "Zudora," with twenty episodes, billed as "Thanhouser's Greatest Photoplay," which begins here Thursday, January 14. We hope to see it take well. Opposition makes business, and different opinions make betting good.

Meyers and Meyers.

Meyers and Meyers were in good eccentric comedy, singing and dancing, the comedian of the act worked to good advantage, and Miss Meyers makes a very nice soubret. The act pleased, but was just a little long.

Billy Ewing.

The "King of Cards," as he was billed, stood for his share of laughter and applause, his manner in opening was a great idea, his card manipulating was one big success, and he was a surprise to all.

Idaho Trio.

This act consists of one woman, a man and a small child. I suppose the child was about eight years of age. She alone is great, and the remander of the trio were fair. The little girl is a riot from start to finish, and they are all good singers and talkers. They received lots of honors.

Ethlyn and Luke

put before the public an act that is entirely away from everyone, the "Egyptian Vampire," of the "Hindu Man," as it is named, is really the goods, costumes are gorgeous, and they carry their own special drop. Their act is real class, and should be looked upon as one of the greatest colored acts in the profession today. They were very good; my, what an ovation upon appearing. Well such is the case and they should be seen on better time.

Stage Notes.

'Tis sad but true, Mrs. Hook, the cashier at this theater, died last Friday week, at 4:30 o'clock, and was only ill three days. They say it was acute indigestion, and she was well liked by the entire public, and it was an awful shock to all. May she rest in peace and happiness.

The "Black Patti" show is in town, and it seems if they have closed, no one seems to know anything as to the condition of the show. The manager, Mr. R. Voeckel, is sick in bed with the rheumatism, and Mr. Collins is considering taking the show out again, and the bunch seems to be waiting and watching, some is a wise owl, take it from me.

I, myself, the writer, would like to hear from C. C. Maulteby, of Miami, Fla.,, also Bert and Carrie Houze, alias "Baloo," and hope each and every one in and out of the profession A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mrs. May Peak, why don't you write? Regards to all, hope next year will be more successful than this one is. Well, the "War is On," You must "Curve."

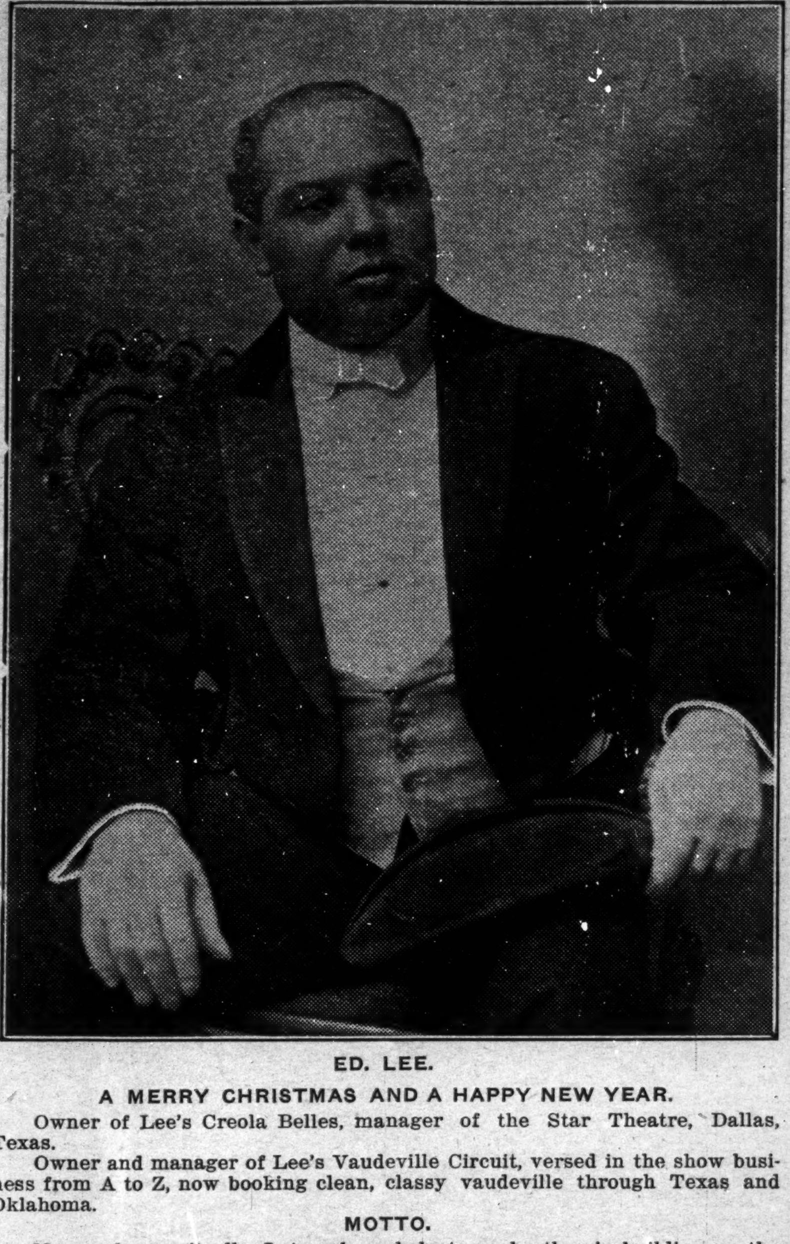
THE DEATH OF SADIE WHITEHEAD—WELL KNOWN IN THE SHOW BUSINESS.

William Benbow writes from New Orleans, La., Sadie Whitehead passed away here Monday morning, Dec. 21, at 8:30, after an illness of four months. Miss Whitehead was well known in the show business and well loved by those who knew her. She first made her appearance on the stage in 1910 with F. A. Barrasco Stock Co. The members of that stock company was String Beans, Rich Matthews, Edna Benbow, Porter & Porter, Eugene Leggins, Bonnie Bell Thomas, Stella Taylor, Leroy White and Wm. Benbow, who was stage manager and producer at that time. Later, she joined hands with Andrew Pellebone. The team was known as Pellebone-Pellebone. The last engagement Miss Whitehead had was with Wm. Benbows Trio which was known as the 3 Vaudeville Bugs. The members were Miss Whitehead, Andrew Pellebone and Wm. Benbow. In this act she worked until four months ago. Since that time she has been at the home of Andrew Pellebone under the treatment of some of New Orlean's best doctors. She was also a number one pianist, sight reader and faker. She was laid away Tuesday morning at 10:30 in Mr. Andrew Pellebone's family vault. May her soul be at rest.

POEM.

Performer, we all have that debt to pay,
Yet we forget it while we are gay
We owe it, and that we can't get around
We all must lay in six feet of ground.
And while through this world we stray,
Think of your Maker and always pray.

—By William Benbow.



ED. LEE.

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GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

No word of commendation can be too strong to apply to the securing of the Isamus troupe of 7 Japs for the New Standard Theatre by Manager John T. Gibson this week. Much praise must be accorded him as this is the first time that an act of this kind has ever been produced at any colored theatre in the country. Their stage setting was beautiful, the display costing them $20,000. Their balancing feats were wonderful, and were done with exceeding skill. They are among the most expert of their countrymen in athletics and gymnastics and they certainly made a hit as the applause of the audience testified. Gundy and Lazzo in their song and dance specialty, had a merry offering. The three Cuban Nightingales offered specialties under the leadership of Effie King, who kept things moving at a lively rate. The Robinson Trio contributed a full share to the variety of the show. One of the most delightful of vaudeville acts is that of King and Bailey and the 4 Chocolate Drops in their elaborate scenic and costume embellishment, introducing the ragtime and prancing of today. They know how to put the greatest amount of "ginger" in their work. Altogether the act was inspiring and was well worthy leading position on the bill. A feature photoplay was shown during the performance.

J. H. Gray, 1221 Pine St.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

Owing to a mistake in last week's issue Mr. Skipp Farrell is the drummer at Leroy's Cafe, New York, and Mr. Howell Gardner at the piano.

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Billy E. Jones, the popular versatile singer now residing permanently at 228 Prince street, Brooklyn, wishes all friends a happy New Year. Girls, get busy; he is not married.

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Winifred & Marten, en route on Proctor's Circuit week of December 7, Troy first half and 125th street, New York, last half; December 14, 58th street, New York, first half, last half, 23d street, New York; week of December 21, Lyric Theatre first half, and last half, Proctor's Elizabeth, New York; December 28th and week Proctor's, Mt. Vernon, New York, last half Plainfield, New Jersey. Wishing all friends a happy New Year.

STAGE NOTES.

Chas. Pewee of the Pewees, had a nervous attack during the week and they had to cancel other time. They will go home and take a few weeks' rest and try it again. Mail will reach them at 304 East 13th street, Wilmington, Del.

Billy Murphy, once the featherweight champion of the world, is back in his old home in New Zealand, working away as an expert tailor. Paddy Gorman is a fine carpenter for the City of New York. Casper Leon is a cigarmaker. Billy Myers, formerly of Streator, Ill., is a very wealthy builder in New Orleans.

THE NEW YALE "BOWL"—THE STADIUM.

The men of Yale bowl at New Haven opened up a few weeks ago for the Yale-Harvard football game. Capacity 70,000. The structure is unique in character, resembling no other stadium or grandstand in the world. It is a bowl, of elliptical formation, with the seats running down in a curve so that it has a distinctly dish-shape appearance. To the outside view there is no large, massive structure, but simply a slope of greensward rising up some thirty feet, pierced by some thirty concrete entrances, which appear as mere portals cut through the green turf. As soon, however, as one passes through an entrance—and the entrances are all at ground level—he comes practically into the middle of the side of the bowl, half the seats being above him and the other half below. At the bottom, nearly thirty feet below the entrance, and hence below the ground level, lies the gridiron itself. It was expected at one time that the original number of seats planed for—some sixty-one or sixty-two thousand—would be ample for the purpose, but the applications came in so rapidly that by the 1st of November it was recognized that the structure would be taxed to its capacity and there was likelihood of a necessity of refusing applications. Hence it was arranged to add some seven or eight thousand more seats. There seems to be no limit to the number of people desirous of witnessing these big final football matches, and while a jump from thirty-seven to sixty-one thousand was expected to care for them, it has already been found that seventy-five thousand would no more than fill the demand.

SAVED FROM A KNOCKOUT.

Jeff Davis Whipped in Bout With Lew Williams at Savannah, Ga., December 19.

The police last night saved Jeff Davis, champion of the Atlantic fleet, and "the pride of the Charleston Navy Yard," from a knockout at the hands of Lew Williams, of Savannah, when in the ninth round they stopped the bout at the Flag Athletic Club. Davis had been knocked down three times in the ninth round for the count of nine, when Officers Garbini and Moore leaped through the ropes on orders to stop the bout, as Davis was in a hopeless condition.

Davis was knocked down fourteen times during the fight by Williams who was never lifted from his feet as the result of a blow. Davis's left eye was almost closed and his face was also cut in several places because of a fusillade of short arm jabs by Williams. Williams easily led in the fighting throughout, being aggressive and landing his blows with telling effect. Davis, who, on Thanksgiving night, won from him in the 4th round, was no match last night and only gameness kept him in the ring until the police stopped the bout.

SPOTLIGHT RAY.

I wish all the performers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you all improve your work ,as improvement means success. Let your New Year's resolution be "Work hard every time I appear on the stage."

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FREEMAN'S SPORT NEWS FROM POLE TO POLE

UNRIVALED NEWS OF THE COLORED SPORTING WORLD — ALL THE LOCAL NEWS TERSE ACCURATE UP TO THE MINUTE

A FOOTBALL DEBATE—IS THE BACKFIELD MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LINE?

Without the Systematic Play of the Forwards to Help, the Man Carrying the Ball Would be No Hero.

It's a good thing that football is a college game, for a mastery of its rules requires a trained intellect. In baseball the code is standardized, and the players and their plays are recognized and understood. But those whose associations with football come no closer than the stands on a Saturday afternoon are often perplexed by the ethical problems that baseball never offers. These perplexities come about through the exclusiveness of the game.

Football is peculiar to college and a large portion of the spectators are undergraduates or bearers of degrees. But in all the sea of humanity which weekly witnesses football, few people, speaking proportionately, have been brought up with the game. This cannot be said about baseball, for it has no recognized limits and is played by all classes and under all conditions, from the nursery to the noon of life.

With their supposedly superior knowledge of the game, the players themselves are often troubled by these ethical knots. Last week at the training table at Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, the varsity men fell into a lengthy discussion over a point which has existed as long as the game itself, although no one so far has attempted to discuss it emphatically in the open. It was simply this: "Is the backfield more important to the team than the line?" Many persons perhaps have entertained sneaking ideas that the verdict goes to the backfield, or have not entertained any ideas at all. The popularity of these four men and the spectacular part they play may have made them favorites.

The Backfield Gets the Honor.

It is a general assumption that the most important part of the team is the backfield; the duties of the line are comparatively simple. In baseball an analogous question of Infield vs. Outfield might arise, the infield ruling favorite, although the outfield generally supplies the batting strength. The Saturday afternoon football fan—that is, if we are permitted to call him that—has a more superficial idea concerning football. He would undoubtedly award the honor to the backfield merely because the backfield carries the ball and is apparently responsible for the gains. The line, in his opinion, is largely for defense.

Returning to Muhlenberg, a mass-meeting of students in chapel one morning and held to create enthusiasm for the game with Bucknell. An abrupt hush fell over the crowd, however, when a backfield player, who has since been deposed from his position by the coach, made this untimely remark: "Our line is weak, and if it doesn't hold you can't expect the backfield to gain." There was an element of truth in his remark, which may be generally applied to the gridiron game. A week later, during the discussion at the training table, "Kidder" Caskey, a Philadelphia lad, more diplomatically said: "If the linemen didn't open holes we'd never gain an inch." The Q. E. D. of the training table debate came about in these words.

Odd as it may seem, the majority of spectators at football games watch the runner with the ball, regardless of the remaining 21 men. They see a tanned ball dart from somewhere in the line, and a backfield man shoot away at breakneck speed. He may go around the end or plunge into the line.

For an hypothesis, let's assume that an end run is attempted. To aid the runner modern coaches have devised means of protection, technically known as interference. Under a system which is said to have started with Glenn Warner, the Carlisle coach, but which in all probability had an earlier origin, the linemen on the side of the centre which the play is going away from, wheel from their positions, catch up with the runner, whose path describes a wider arc, and block off the inrushing defense. Speed and dexterity are required. If the play works successfully, it was the interference composed of three linemen that helped make it possible.

Lehigh Advances a Step.

Three linemen for interference, however, have been relegated to the past, according to the Lehigh style of end runs. Lehigh has advanced a step further. On her wide end runs she utilizes both sides of the line, aside from the backfield. When this play is attempted guards, tackles and ends, instead of charging forward, take a quick step backwards, wheel and dash off ahead of the man with the ball. A Lehigh graduate recently remarked to Vincent Pazzetti, a former all-American quarterback of the South Bethlehem College, and now assistant coach to Keady, that Lehi's interference was the best he had ever seen. "Yes," Pazzetti admitted, "and it took us three years to perfect it." Every team that has played Lehigh this season came away with the single plaint: "We couldn't break up their interference." Well-coached teams today use from one to six, perhaps seven, linemen for interferers. The inconsistency of the game crops out in the headlines next morning, however, when we read of Mr. Backfield winning the game with his touchdown, regardless of Mr. Interference, who paved his way.

Assume again that a plunge is attempted between one end and the other, a time when the linemen do not leave their place to interfere. This style of attack is tritely spoken of as "hitting the line." It is a misnomer, however, for if the plunge gains grounds the backfield player does everything but "hit the line." He doesn't hit anything momentarily, for the linemen have seen to that. They have been drilled to "box" opponents. In "boxing" a lineman charges his body between his opponent and the runner with the ball so that his body must be removed before the runner is tackled.

The center, the pivot man in the line on offense has one of the most responsible jobs on the team. With him, to a large extent, rests the root of the evil of fumbling. Unless his passes are timely and accurate and possess the right impetus there will be a hard time ahead for the backfield men. With head down he must watch the men behind and "feed" them with a lobbed ball or Brown one with speed. Some backs are awkward in catching passes, especially early in the season, and the center must almost put a handle on them. Often he leaves his position to form interference. Modern football has made the centre an agile, quick-thinking athlete, and not a huge barrel of fish which, before the days of the direct pass, just handed the ball to the quarterback, then lunged blindly ahead.

But in justice to the men in the backfield it must not be forgotten that they form the secondary defense besides carrying the ball, and make tackles when the line fails. On offense they take bumps, too. Their game is to run until brought to earth But most of their work is done standing, and not crouched in the dust, smashing away obstacles that otherwise would clog the holes for the backfield to rush through.

It must be remembered that football, above all other games, requires machine-like play. The entire eleven must be galvanized and work in unison. Other phases of Line vs. Backfield might be advanced. The foregoing, however, are largely those of the squad at Muhlenberg.—Horace Speed.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

After John Morrissey retired as the American champion, he was elected to Congress and became quite an important factor in politics.

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Al Kaufmann is back again behind the counter in his haberdashery store in 'Frisco. Young Mitchell (John F. Hergot) is president of the Board of Supervisors in the same town with a big bank roll. Matty Matthews is a stage carpenter.

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Old Jem Mace, up to his very last days, often filled a music hall engagement, playing old Gypsy airs on his violin in his unique expert manner. But Mace was no financier or he might have had considerable money, for he had many great opportunities in his prime.

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Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 13.—Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion pugilist, was severely injured today by a fall in a Pullman car near Casper, Wyo. In the darkness Burns stumbled, twisting his left arm and wrenching his side. It is thought the former champion will be confined in the hospital several days.

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Chicago.—Chicago is to have a six-day bicycle race and matters have progressed so far that announcement is made that it will take place in the International Amphitheater in the stock yards district, starting the night of January 28, and finishing the evening of Thursday, February 3.

Boston, Mass.—George T. Stallings, who led the Boston Nationals to the world's championship this fall, will continue as manager of the club for at least five years, according to the word received here a few days ago. He has signed a contract extending four years beyond the coming season, when his previous agreement will expire. Neither Stallings nor President Gaffney would announce the salary terms of the new contract.

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In order to guarantee the followers of International League baseball that the league will go through the 1915 season, regardless of what happens, each club in the league will be compelled to deposit $10,000 with President Barrow at a special meeting to be held January 10. The $80,000 collected in this way will be used as an "emergency fund," which will be used to bolster up any weak spots which may develop.

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CHICAGO.—A full-blooded Chinese baseball player has been signed by the Chicago club of the American League, it was announced today. He is Lai Tin, captain of the Honolulu Chinese team. Manager Callahan, of the local club, said Tin had been ordered to report for practice when the training season opens in Paso Robles, Cal., in February.

This is the first Chinese player to be signed to play with a major league club. Captain Tin's regular position is shortstop. He batted .300 while playing in Honolulu. He holds two Hawaiian athletic records, a 100-yard dash in 10 1-5 and twenty-three feet in the broad jump.

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BOSTON, Mass.—Michigan is to be dropped from Harvard's football schedule next year. While no announcement has been made and the Harvard football committee, which arranges the schedule, has not met, the matter is as good as settled. Harvard has no fault to find with Michigan, but does not care to make the game a permanent institution, as the only fixtures on the Crimson schedule are the Princeton and Yale games.

Next year Cornell will be taken on again. It has played the Crimson off and on during the last few years, and it is quite likely that Michigan will be played some time after next season if Yost cares to bring his team to the stadium again.

THE RISE OF JACK JOHNSON.

In Quest of the Golden Fleece, Pursues Burns to Australia.

Leo Posner, promoter of the Galveston Athletic Club, was the man who gave Johnson his first boost up the pugilistic ladder. Charley Brooks, a masseur and boxing instructor, introduced Johnson to Posner with the information that Jack was a comer. Posner agreed to match Brooks and Johnson at his club, and they met in 1901. Johnson was tall, rawboned, and powerfully built, and in two rounds he had Brooks unconscious on the floor of the ring. "You'll do," said Posner.

Johnson's manager kept the pugilist on the move constantly, the present champion winning over all his dusky opponents. Finally on March 28, 1905, Johnson met Marvin Hart, the title-holder, in a 20-round battle on the coast. Johnson, according to many unprejudiced witnesses, made Hart look like a fourth-rater all the way, outpointing him with consummate ease. But the native sons had their coin on Hart, and the referee enabled them to win it by the most unfair decision ever recorded in California.

He fought several successful batties in the East, during the latter part of 1905. Johnson's first scrap in 1906 was a 3-round affair with Jeannette. Then he signally defeated Jeannette in 15 rounds at Baltimore. In April of that year he went to Chelsea to tackle Sam Langford, then a welterweight. They were matched to go 15 rounds. In the second round Langford landed a quick left hook to the jaw and Johnson went to the floor. He took a count of nine. When Johnson got up he was groggy and hung on until the bells rang. After that he fought Langford at long range and got a decision on points.

Johnson went to Australia in 1907 and knocked out Peter Felix in a round. He also squelched Bill Squires in 9 rounds and then came back to this country. He took on Fitzsimmons over in Philadelphia and beat the Cornishman down and out in two rounds.

Fitzpatrick Gets Him.

Sam Fitzpatrick who had managed Peter Jackson and Kid Lavigne, was Johnson's mentor and he took the big negro to the coast, where he knocked out Jimmy Flynn in 11 rounds at Colma. Tommy Burns had beaten Hart for the title meanwhile and Fitzpatrick was on his trail with repeated challenges on behalf of Johnson, but Burns ignored him and went to England.

Johnson didn't have a dollar at that time, but Fitzpatrick borrowed money from several friends in this city and took his charge to London, where he again challenged Burns. Burns proceeded to Australia with all possible speed and again beat Squires in 13 rounds. Then he stopped Bill Lang in six.

In England Johnson beat Al. McNamara in four rounds, and knocked out Ben Tyler in eight. Fitzpatrick by this time was determined to follow Burns to Australia.

When Johnson and Fitzpatrick arrived in Australia they were informed that if they wanted a fight with Burns they would have to accept the latter's terms. They agreed readily, for they were confident of success, so articles were signed for a 20-round fight for a $35,000 purse, of which Burns was to get $30,000 and Johnson $5,000. They came together in Rushcutters Bay stadium on December 25.

Jack Johnson was born in Galveston, Tex., March 31, 1878, and is therefore 36 years of age. He is 6 feet 1 1-4 inches tall. When he won the heavyweight title from Burns he weighed 196 pounds, 25 less than he scales at present. He began fighting as a professional in 1901 and in March of that year was knocked out in three rounds by Joe Choynski, the only decisive defeat recorded against him.

Marvin Hart got a decision over him in Frisco, but the verdict was pronounced manifestly unfair.

CONNIE MACK BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

By Capturing Pennant in American League This Season He Has Landed Six Champions for Athletics.

By winning his sixth championship in the American League, Connie Mack breaks all records for all major circuits for all times. He has proved himself to be the master of baseball tacticians since the birth of organized baseball in 1876.

Moreover, all of the tall tutor's triumphs were scored in the same league and the same city. Mack came to Philadelphia in 1901 and since then has won six pennants.

This gives the Athletics' chief of staff the baseball supremacy of America.

Adrian Anson, Charles Comiskey, Frank Selee, Edward Hanlon and John McGraw come nearest to Mack's great record. They each won five major league pennants, but Comiskey and Hanlon did not make their record in the same city.

Here is Mack's pennant record and the five nearest to him:

Connie Mack, American League, Philadelphia—1902, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914. Total, six pennants.

John McGraw, National League, New ork—1904, 1905, 1911, 1912 and 1913. Total, five pennants.

Edward Hanlon, National League, Baltimore—1894, 1895 and 1896; Brooklyn, 1899 and 1900. Total, five pennants.

Frank Selee, National League, Boston—1891, 1892, 1893, 1897 and 1898. Tiotl, five pennants.

Charles Comiskey, American Association, St. Louis—1885, 1887 and 1888; American League, Chicago, 1900 (American League was not regarded as a major league that year). Total, five pennants.

Adrian Anson, National League, Chicago—1880, 1881, 1882, 1885 and 1886. Total, five pennants.

PRESTON BROWN, A NEW PUGILISTIC ASPIRANT, FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS, AFTER KILBANE'S TITLE.

Just outside of Philadelphia, some thirty minutes' ride from busy Market street, there's a place called Richmond, Pa., and there you will find a gentleman whose John Henry signs Preston Brown, whose recent ring work has placed him the most formidable challenger for Johnnie Kilbane's title, having defeated every featherweight and lightweight they have called upon him to meet and putting such a remarkably clever exhibition on each occasion until every fight lover in Philadelphia will gladly pay the price of admission to any boxing club to see this gentleman boxer perform, no matter against whom he is matched he always gives the fans a run for their money. I have seen some of the greatest present-day ring men act and among them were Packey McFarland, the clever stock yards lightweight of Chicago, Jack Britton, of the North Side, Champion Jack Johnson, former champion Johnnie Coulon, and many others and I doubt seriously if any of the above mentioned boxers has anything on Brown when it comes to boxing. Preston Brown was never made a boxer. He was born a boxer. His work in the gymnasium only goes as a means of perfection and condition. His speed is dazzling, his blows are short and snappy and he is cool. What more can we ask of a clever man. Then next he is a gentleman and all Philadelphia respects him as a gentleman boxer and not a prize fighter. It's true he is a 126-pounder, the same as I, but my stature won't allow me to show the speed that this young man can and there are few in the ring today that can. Mind you, I don't want to take anything away from Lee Johnson, the little chocolate soldier, who proved so successful in Australia with former champion Tommy Burns some time ago, but if this lad has anything on Preston Brown in cleverness he is worth the king's inspection, Brown having been shaded by Patsy Kline, of Newark. But what of Brown? He whipped the whole Moore family in Philadelphia and hasn't been able to get a return match with Kline since. I learn they offered Manager Jimmy Dunn $1,500 for Johnny Kilbane, and as soon as he learned Preston Brown was to be his opponent he declined the offer. Brown is about 22 years of age, having taken into camp one hundred world beaters, more or less. A 20-round match between Preston Brown, Jackie Moore or Leo Johnson would mean gold dollars to Walter Cohen in New Orleans or an examination contest would go just as strong to decide the colored featherweight champion. I have a right to claim this title because of the fact Darkey Griffin and many other Eastern top notchers have run out of matches. Little over a week ago Darkey accused a small house and refused to go on at the last moment.

SAM LANGFORD SAYS HE'LL FIGHT BEFORE BADGERS.

Negro Consents to Do Battle Soon in Milwaukee or Kenosha Ring.

Local fans who satisfy their appetites for pugilism by trips to Milwaukee and Kenosha are soon going to put the glims on one fighter they have been anxious to see for years, but who never has performed in this neck of the woods. This battler is none other than Sam Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby." It was learned yesterday that negotiations with Langford's manager, Joe Woodman, had resulted in Woodman consenting to send Langford west just as soon as the promoters want him.

It is not known definitely yet whether the bout will be staged in the Brewery City or Kenosha. It is known, however, that George Tully, the Kenosha promoter, was the first to go after Langford. Tully's idea is to bring two negroes together in a show to be staged next month, and he is anxious to secure Sam McVey, another negro scrapper, who never has appeared in this vicinity, for Langford's foe.

Mulkern Also Gets "Tham."

Not knowing what Tully had done, Frank Mulkern, the Milwaukee promoter, also went out after Langford and secured the latter's consent to fight before a Brewery City club. Mulkern has not decided whom he will get for the "Tar Baby's" opponent.

Langford is known as a percentage fighter, for he is trying to collect all the coin that he can glean from the game, so the promoter had no great trouble in "hooking him up."

1914 SPORT CHAMPIONS.

Baseball—Boston Nationals. G. T. Stallings, manager.
Football—East, Harvard; Conference, Illinois.
Boxing—New champions Lightweight, Fred Welsh; bantam, Kid Williams.
Turf—Leading owner, John W. Schorr; leading rider, J. McTaggart.
Tennis—M. E. McLaughlin; Davis Cup, Australasia team; women, Mary E. Browne.
Golf—Francis Ouimet, amateur; Walter Hagan, open; women, Mrs. H. A. Jackson.
Bowling—A. B. C., William Miller; N. B. A., Harry Krause.
All-Round Athletics—Avery Brundage.
Swimming—H. J. Hebner.
Skating—Ice, Robert McLean; amateur; Oscar Mathieson, professional; roller, Fred Martin.
Auto—Rene Thomas, International Sweepstakes; Ed Pullen, Grand Prize; Ralph DePalma, Vanderbilt.
Bicycle—Frank Kramer.
Pocket Billiards—Benny Allen.
Billiards—William Hoppe.
Wrestling—Frank Gotch.
Shooting—Woolfolk Henderson, G. A. H.
Court Tennis—Jay Gould.
Sculling—Ernest Barry.
Archery—E. P. Elmer.
Squash—C. Hutchins.
Chess—Jose R. Capablanca.
Skat—H. Wendt.
Polo—English team.
Yachting—Resolute.
Racquet—L. Waterbury.
Running—Sprint distances, H. P. Drew; middle distance, A. P. Kiviat; long distance, Hannes Kolehmainen.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sam McVea Banquetted.

After the 20-round battle here Sunday, Dec. 20th, between Sam McVea, and Harry Wills, in which Mr. McVea won; he was banquetted by the Young Men's Social Club at Vic Dubois' new place, corner of Gravier and S. Rampart. Mr. Dave Mills, Mr. McVea's trainer, while in New Orleans, was also a guest of honor. While in New Orleans, Mr. McVea was associated with some of New Orleans' leading colored people and made a host of friends. In Mr. McVea we see our next colored champion. Mr. McVea was entertained by some of New Orleans' best entertainers, such as Geo. Allen, Harry Bonner, Nuckie Johnson, Lewis Wade, Fred Washington, Frank Haney and Bob Fortier and Wm. Benbow, manager of the Young Men's Social Club. He was also given an extra treat in music by the St. Charles Orchestra, Allie Hammond of New York pianist and Chas. Davis also of New York, showed himself the master of bangerines.

While in New Orleans, visit Vic Dubois' new place, corner Rampart and Gravier, headquarters for entertainers, prize fighters and strangers.

THE TERRIBLE FREDDIE WELSH

Getting the Dough—Rakes in $50,000 in Five Weeks.

When lightweight champion Freddie Welsh stowed away his share of the receipts for his bout with Young Shugrue, at Madison Square Garden, it brought his earnings for five weeks up to more than $50,000.

It broke all get-rich-quick fighting known to civilized and uncivilized mankind. If Welsh could keep up the record for twelve months his income for the fifty-two weeks would be the astonishing total of $520,000.

But the money making record was not the only one smashed to atoms. During the year and six months that Willie Ritchie held the lightweight crown he fought fewer men than Welsh has in the last thirty-five days. No champion in any division has ever fought that many men in the same period of time.

Mighty few champions have fought that number of good men throughout their whole careers as titleholders. Welsh has fought 'em all, as they came along, every man he has faced has been in the top divisions of lightweights. There were Baldwin, Cross, White, Wolgast and Shugrue. Both Wolgast and Ritchie found alibis to prevent a meeting with Young Shugrue. Welsh merely named the money for which he'd fight—and went in and fought. In between the Baldwin and Shugrue fights, Welsh met Fred Yelle, at Boston, on November 24, and Young Brown, at Syracuse, two nights later.

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONS.

(By Benjamin H. Clark, Montgomery, W. VA.

Dear Sir—Colonel Charles E. Henderson, manager of the famous Montgomery Athletics, the West Virginia State champions, is thinking of shifting his lightning Outfielder Boone to third base and to use one of his new stars in the center garden. He also has a fine pitching staff—Left Hander Jessie Smith, Sam Dewitt, Joe Lewis and Joe Poindexter. With these and the aid of the new faces he thinks that his staff will be equal to that of Manager Stallings, of the Braves. These are the new stars the Colonel has signed for the coming spring: Seymour B. Reed, 502 Broadway, Lincoln, Ill.; Lawrence Cheatham, 1029 North 12th street, St. Louis, Mo.; Arthur Thieny, 2629 Floyd street, Dallas, Texas; Cornelius Beard, 1323 Central avenue, Tampa, Fla.; John Pardon, 1323 Central Ave., Tampa, Fla.; Stokes Williams, 362 High street, Roanoke, Va.

SAM McVEA WINS SUNDAY BOUT AT NEW ORLEANS—SAM LANGFORD TO BE HIS NEXT OPPONENT—CLABBY AND GIBBONS MAY MEET.

New Orleans, December 21.—Sam McVey, Parisian negro, will meet Sam Langford here within a few weeks, it was announced today following yesterday's bout here, in which McVey handed Harry Willis, local heavyweight, a decisive beating in a twenty-round bout before 3,000 sportsmen. The decision of Referee Dick Burke met with the crowd's approval. McVey's slashing offense throughout the whole of the fight was what won him the verdict. The French negro won nine of the rounds, six were for Wills, while the other five were even. Both men tried desperately for a knockout, but neither could score. In the fifteenth round McVey came closer to a knockout than at any other time in the fight. After Wills had hooked him with his right McVey sent him reeling to the ropes with a terrific left hook to the jaw, and the crowd rose from their seats. Wills fell into a clinch, however, and saved himself.

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LOCAL.

Mrs. Harriet Kelley entertained Monday afternoon in honor of her visiting guest, Miss Lucile Dogan.

The choir of the Corinthian Baptist church will render a special song service Sunday evening.

Miss Flora Harper left last week for New Albany where she was the guest of her brother during the holidays.

Mr. Allen Daniels, a prominent citizen of Rushville, Ind., was a visitor in this city a short time ago, visiting friends.

Mrs. Stella Crowdus Owsley, formerly of this city, now at Cleveland, visited her mother during the holidays, and returned to her home in Cleveland Wednesday.

Miss Mary Fields, accompanied the Misses Ruth and Esther Harper to their home in Frankfort, to spend her holiday vacation as the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Harper.

Mr. Geo. Slaughter, advertising agent for the Indianapolis Freeman, spent Christmas at his home in Louisville, Ky., as guest of his sister, Mrs. Emma Piror, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hicks, who have recently remodeled their home in Pleasant street, have issued invitations for a house-warming on New Year's evening.

Mrs. Alexander Starks entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner last Sunday evening at her home in West 25th street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Priestly and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Butler.

Among the students who have returned from college to spend their vacations at home are: Sirdastion Meriwether, Wallace Procter, Robert Skelton, James Edward Knox, Miss Hazel Alexander, Miss Selma Beck and Mr. Van McCoughtry.

Miss L. Dogan, daughter of the president of Wiley University of Texas, spent the holidays in this city as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clark and daughter, Mrs. Harriet Kelley, in Highland Place. Miss Dogan will leave this city for Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, at the close of the holidays.

The McCoy school, of which Mrs. Mary E. Cable is principal, held Christmas exercises in the hall of the school last Wednesday. A tree was placed in the center of the hall, and from it more than 500 gifts were distributed. The teachers, assisted by the parents' association, sent baskets to thirty-two needy families.

Thirty-three young persons surprised Mrs. C. J. Walker on the occasion of her birthday last Wednesday evening at her home in North West street. After rendering a short musical program, the time was devoted to dancing. Later in the evening refreshments were served, after which the company presented Mrs. Walker with a beautiful silver loving cup.

The Phillis Wheatley Embroidery Club distributed fruit in the Lincoln and Sisters of Charity hospital and the Alpha home for aged colored women, in keeping with its custom of a number of years. The club will keep open house on New Year's day, and will receive its friends informally at the home of Mrs. Georgia Johnson, 216 West Fourteenth street. The hours will be from 2 to 10:30 in the evening.

Mrs. Eliza Peterson, national president of the Colored W. C. T. U., will come to the city during the first part of February to conduct a two weeks' campaign. The temperance work for Marion county is superintended by Mrs. Mary A. Clark, who has recently returned from an extended trip through the south, where she made addresses at several institutions. She will assist Mrs. Peterson in her campaign in this city.

Madam C. J. Walker's manufacturing department looked like a grocery store Christmas morning. On the floor were forty well-filled baskets of provisions, which were ready to be given as gifts to the needy. In each basket was a chicken, potatoes, apples, oranges, a head of cabbage, a pound of coffee, sugar and flour. It required 107 pounds of chickens alone, not to speak of the immense amount of other goods to furnish the baskets. This was but one of the many ways in which the madam does her part on Christmas day.

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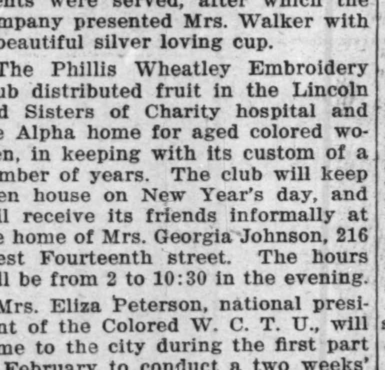

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Thomas Fitzhugh was the prize winner of three consecutive games Christmas week at the A. B. C. bowling alleys, 441 Indiana avenue. He totaled 592 pins, also rolled 244 pins for the high score of the week.

EDITOR WISHES TO MAKE CORRECTION.

In the article published in our last issue, Christmas number, headed "The Work of the Woman's Council" was a mistake of the printer, as the article was not written by Mrs. Brown, but by Mrs. Harriet C. Kelley, a member of the council.

DEATH OF WILLIAM BREEDLOVE.

William Breedlove, for twenty years a porter on the C. H. & D. railroad, died Saturday at his home, 1301 East Eleventh street, after an illness of a year. Death was due to dropsy. Funeral services were held at Second Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Breedlove was about 45 years old. He is survived by a widow.

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Called Home on Account of Death of Father.

Mrs. Helen C. Carter was called to Lancaster, Ky., on account of the death of her father, Mr. William S. Spencer, one of the wealthiest farm owners in the state of Kentucky. He was heavily insured, also member of several lodges. His will was recorded last August in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Carter will return as soon as financial affairs are settled. Mrs. Helen C. Carter, wife of Mr. Oscar C. Carter, 418 North West street.

LARGE INTEREST MANIFESTED IN THE WORK OF THE Y. W. C. A.

There were twenty-seven young women who enrolled in the Bible study class, Sunday, in addition to a large number interested in the organization of a Y. W. C. A. in this city. Miss Pearl Barnes conducted the study. Miss McCrea, of the Central Y. W. C. A., was present and encouraged the women to keep up their interest in the work. The meetings are held in the assembly hall of Mrs. C. J. Walker.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The management wishes to announce that they have secured Dr. Wm. T. Vernon, former register of the U. S. Treasury, to address the monster meeting Sunday, January 3. Mr. Vernon will speak on the subject, "Brotherhood." A treat of unusual merit and helpfulness is promised the men who attend this meeting. The largest crowd of men that has ever attended a monster meeting is expected to be present on this occasion. The Y. M. C. A. quartet will render special numbers. The band will give a thirty minutes' sacred concert preceding the speaker. All men are invited.

Mr. W. S. Hodges will address the boys' meeting at 2:30 p. m. on "Greek Tales." All boys are cordially welcome to attend.

The association, through its educational department, endeavors to help the man who desires to better his condition. The classes that are now open to every man in the city are tailoring, barbering, drafting, penmanship, reading, and a thorough and practical course in the care and mechanism of the automobile. A class in mechanical drafting and Spanish are contemplated and added classes will be organized in any subject for which a sufficient number apply. The spring term begins January 31, 1913, and all interested should call at the office at once for particulars.

All those who would like to take a part in the great musical festival of Negro folklore songs, which is to be given for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., are requested to meet in the association's auditorium Monday evening, January 11, 1915, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Friday evening, December 26th, the team composed of present and ex-students of Manual High School defeated the Shortridge representatives. About 200 rooters from the two schools enlivened the occasion with their school yells. The score was 25 to 14. The two teams lines up as follows: Manual—Hazzard and Gilmer, forwards; Butler, center; Bryan (Capt.), Marshall and Tutt, guards. Shortridge—Dunlap, Carr and Wheeler, forwards; McGuire (Capt.), center; Thomas, Baker, Willis and Booth, guards. A game between the Y. M. C. A. team and the Columbus High School will be played at an early date.

CHAVERS ENTERTAINS AT ODD FELLOWS HALL TUESDAY.

Society's Best Responded to Invitation. Out-of-town People Present—Local Business and Professional People.

(By H. W. Jay.)

Odd Fellows Hall was no place for the goddess of discord Tuesday night. One of the most joyous social functions of the holidays took place there and then, to the credit of Richard A. Chavers. Folks came from everywhere, as it were, in response to the cordial invitation extended them by Mr. Chavers. The hall was well filled with guests, which included a number of persons from out of town and local business and professional men and women of the city.

The hall was prettily decorated with Christmas colors, amid which was, on the south wall of the hall, large letters in colors spelling "King Dick," the name given Mr. Chavers by the boys. At the east end of the hall there was featured whist. But this was abandoned when the hilarity of the dancers became at its highest. Many little novelties were introduced on the floor and also by the orchestra, which brought forth deafening applause.

That everyone enjoyed himself goes without saying. Mr. Chavers, who is one of the best known young men in the elite society circles, had expressed himself as giving the affair to the pleasure of his friends. He was surrounded by the guests and showered with congratulations. And the ladies—why, they were "tickled to death" over it. The host was assisted by about six of his immediate fellow friends, whose especial attention was directed to out-of-town guests. Mr. John Muke, with the assistance of two boys, looked after the service at the punch bowl.

Among the out-of-town guests were, Mrs. Anna Oneil, Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Lucile Thomas, Chicago; Miss Grace Thompson, Chicago; Miss Lettie Todd, Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Rea Fulton, Marion, Ind.; Miss Pearl Mitchell, Lovejoy, Ill.; Miss Arletha Norton, Danville, Ind.; Miss Louise Reid Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Lillian Smith, Evansville, Ind.; Misses Hazel Alexander and Selma Beck, students at University of Illinois; Oniel Mitchell, Northwestern University; Alex Stewart, Indiana University; Cecil Powell, Frankfort, Ind.; Wheeler, Danville, Ind.; Miss Helen Joplin, Culver, Ind.

Among the local guests were the following business and professional people: Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Batties, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Hendricks, Dr. and Mrs. John Norrell, Dr. James Norrell, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Henry Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byrd, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Dickerson, Karl Perry, William Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Coble, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price, Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Hodge, Miss Cora Ganaway, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cannon, James Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grey, Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Valentine, Ralph Bryant, Samuel Martin, Jesse Martin, Wallace Waugh.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Chauffeurs Athletic and Theatrical Club Give Fifth Annual Dance.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

The fifth annual dance and reception of the Chauffeurs Athletic and Theatrical Club was held at the Coliseum Monday night. The hall was beautifully decorated with white, red and purple pennants and was an event of much interest in society circles. Spectators were admitted to the galleries and many of the white people of the city attended. The Majestic orchestra furnished the music and program of twenty numbers. A feature of the first part of the program was a schottische led by Mr. Frank Osborne. This was well applauded. The grand march began at 10 o'clock led by Mr. Warren S. Moore, president of the club, and Mrs. Arvinta Taylor, of Champaign. During the second half of the program, the schottische, "Club Special," "I Am on My Way to Burgundy," led by Mr. Clarence Stevenson, was a feature, as was also the special waltz number, "Curse of an Aching Heart," led by Mr. Archie Walton. They turned out in automobiles, limosines and carriages. The women were beautifully gowned. Out of town guests were: Z. L. Breedlove, of Champaign; Mrs. Arabelle Young, Pontiac; Aldine Love, Ashville, N. C.; Mrs. Henry Harris, Farmers City; Mrs. Charles Barton, Peoria; Mr. Walker Duff, Tecumseh, Mich.; Miss Della Blanton, Muskogee, Okla.; Miss Willie Taylor, Evanston; Miss Blossom Barton, Chicago; Mr. James Walker, who is attending North Western College, Evanston, and Mr. Harvey Hite, Champaign. Everyone reported that they enjoyed themselves in the superlative degree. Officers and committee: The officers of the club and the special committees follow: Warren S. Moore, President and Treasurer; Willis Sterales, First Vice President; Jordan Grigsby, Second Vice President; Eugene Love, Secretary; Roy Tate, Financial Secretary. Committee on Arrangements—Jordan Grisby, chairman; Roy Thompson, Leonard Moss, Fred Johnson, Roy Tate. Dancing Academy Committee—Willis Sterales, chairman; Frank Osborne, Clarence Stevenson, Archie Walton. Reception Members—Torrence Skinner, Rufus Lashley, Harry Price, Ed Bynum, Milton Clark, O. L. Payton, James Shorter, Elery White, Harry Roberts, Walter Bell, William Malone, J. Patterson.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Rev. G. C. Parkes, former pastor C. M. E. church of Madisonville, was in the city last week.

Prof. J. W. Martin, of Atkinson College, and Elder Gough, of Russelville, were in the city last Saturday.

Mr. H. D. Cunningham, of St. Charles, his sister, Mrs. Hattie Newby, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Cunningham, of Earlington, spent a few days in Danville, Ill., visiting relatives, Messrs. J. A. and Lewis Cunningham.

Miss Stella Barrett, of Evansville, Ind., was the pleasant guest of Mrs. Lillie Springfield this week.

Prof. J. W. Bell, principal of Earlington public school, and family, spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends at Columbia, Tenn.

Miss Pauline Barrett spent a few days in Boonville, Ind., visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Miles Earls was a visitor in Hopkinsville a few days last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Manlove paid her parents a visit in Paducah, Ky., last week.

There were many sad hearts in Earlington Monday afternoon when the sad news was spread of the death of Mrs. Sallie Waters. She was a member of the A. M. E. Zion church. Her funeral was held at the residence on McCuen avenue, Wednesday. She is a sister of Messrs. Albert and James Hines, of Indianapolis, Ind., and W. M. and Luther Hines, of Earlington.

A TREAT.

Your Xmas number was a treat to all who read one.

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The Xmas number of The Freeman was a hummer.—Annie St. Claire.

The Reigning Society Event.

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platinum, the gift of the groom. She carried a prayer-book, with shower marker of white satin and lillies of the valley.

Mrs. Bell wore a gown of baby-blue charmeuse, overdress of brocaded chiffon, corsage bouquet of blue and pink forget-me-nots; wide girdle of blue satin, slippers to match. Mrs. Armstead, white satin, tunic of old-rose silk net, old-rose velvet and net trimmings, white satin slippers. Miss Morris, cream lace ruffles over cream satin skirt, bodice of blue satin, with gold and rose trimmings. Miss Bacchus, pink chiffon over pink brocaded silk rose velvet, gold lace and iridiscent bead-tassel trimmings. Miss Childs, the maid of honor, wore canary crepe de chine, with overdress of pink chiffon, trimmings of cream lace and ostrich bandings. The bride's mother, Mrs. C. W. Childs, wore a cream taffeta foundation with overdress of gold embroidered net, and chiffon tunic of blue satin, with pearl trimmings.

The groomsman, together with Mr. J. Moria Saunders, master of ceremonies and his assistants, Mr. Creed W. Childs, Jr., were attired in the "conventional black."

The Principals in the Notable Function.

Miss Childs (now Mrs. Baughman), was for a number of years a teacher in the Washington public schools, and won an enviable reputation by reason of her painstaking labors for the educational uplift of the community. Refusing promotions that would carry her away from her chosen specialty in primary work, she was eventually made a "model teacher," and the plan of grade study was set by her classes. She has always been noted for her sunny disposition, broad optimism and readiness to help any cause that added to the happiness and well-being of the community. She was popular with all classes and society sincerely regrets her departure, while wishing for her the richest blessings of Providence in the new and larger life that awaits her. She is a graduate of the high and normal schools of Washington and has spent much time in special studies at well-known summer colleges.

Mr. Baughman is a leader in the official, business and social activities of Indianapolis, and by thrift, industry and business acumen, has accumulated a generous share of "this world's goods." For years he was connected with the government of Marion county, and later became an attache of the Indianapolis postoffice, where, by strict attention to duty, he has risen to one of the most responsible positions held by a member of the race in the entire postal service of the country.

Dr. Creed W. Childs, father of the bride, is one of the nations's best-known physicians, and stands second to none in devotion to the common welfare. He has served capably and well in connection with the Health Department of the District of Columbia, and for two years has been a commanding figure on the board of education. His name is a household word here, standing for the best in education for his people and in opposition to the intemperance that is working so dangerously for the poorer classes in this city.

Dr. Joseph H. Ward, of Indianapolis, Ind., the "best man," is one of Indiana's leading practitioners, holding diplomas from two great schools of medicine and has developed at the Hoosier capital, one of the best-equipped sanatariums to be found any where in the land. He has rendered exceptional service as Supreme Medical Director of the Knights of Pythias and is a medical inspector in the public schools of Indianapolis. He has attained his honorable distinction by hard work and innate capacity.

Some of the Social Features of the Bridal Season.

The "bridal party" has been the recipient of numerous social courtesies during its all too-brief stay in Washington. The festivities started on Sunday last with a "stag dinner party" given by Mr. R. W. Thompson, of the Treasury Department, (a former Indianian), at his home, 1506½ S street northwest. Besides the guests of honor and the host there were present Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia; Mr. John C. Dancy, former Recorder of Deeds for the District and now secretary of the Church Extension Board of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Mr. L. M. Henshaw, law examiner of the General Land Office, Interior Department; Counsellor Thomas L. Jones, a foremost member of the District bar; and Dr. C. W. Childs, father of the bride, of whom your correspondent has already spoken. Following an earnest address of welcome by Mr. Thompson, Judge Terrell was asked to assume the functions of toastmaster, and for three hours wit, wisdom, philosophy and good fellowship flowed fast and furious, and eloquent tributes were paid to the character, achievements and splendid outlook for the prospective groom and his "best man." A jollier party has never sat down to a "spread" in the national capital than that which gathered at the Thompson household on Sunday to do honor to the princes from Hoosierdom and to wish good luck and prosperity to the fair daughter of the east who was to leave us for a new home in the "land of the setting sun."

On Monday evening the bridal party was entertained by Miss Nannie B. Harris at her home on E street southwest, and the occasion was enjoyable from every point of view. Along with these somewhat formal functions there were automobile jaunts galore and impromptu sight-seeing tours, which gave the visitors a chance to see some of the beauties of architecture and landscape with which the nations's capital abounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, Dr. Ward and Mrs. Armstead left Tuesday evening at 6:15 over the Pennsylvania Railroad for Indianapolis, Ind., where a shower of functions are in store for the "high contracting parties," beginning with a reception at the home of Mrs. Armstead on Cornell avenue, where they will temporarily reside until a new home can be remodeled according to plans formulated by the bride. For her "going-away" gown, Mrs. Baughman wore green velvet, with a picture hat to match, ornamented with ostrich plumes.

The presents, a description of which space will not permit at this time, were unusually rich, numerous and beautiful, coming from friends all over the country. The array of silver, gold, cut glass, fine china, silken garments, chafing dishes, tea urns, table cloths, etc., filled a large room and was a big feature of the royal occasion.

Washington society will long remember the Baughman-Childs nuptials. It was indeed a "red-letter event" in the effervescent life of the nation's capital.

NEWS OF YOUNGSTOWN, O.

There were a number of out-of-town guests in the city over Christmas. .. Mrs. Agness Lucas, of North avenue, entertained at dinner Christmas, a number of friends. .. The Clef Club gave their Christmas dance in Connell Hall Friday evening and was largely attended. A prize waltz was a feature of the evening. First prize was won by Miss Olive Brady and Mr. Charles Parsons. Second by Miss Mae Lacey and Mr. Cochran. The evening was enjoyable one. .. Logan Lodge No. 4, will meet in regular session Thursday evening, January 14. All members are urged to be present. .. A large number of Buckeye Lodge of Elks from this city attended the memorial services in Farrell Sunday. A fine program was rendered. .. Consuela Stewart Court of Calantha met in regular session Monday evening and was well attended. .. Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73 will meet in regular session Thursday evening, January 7 and will install the newly elected officers and will have a smoker. All members please be present. .. Mrs. Wm. Saunders and niece returned from Cleveland Saturday and are much improved. .. Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Berry, of Latonia were in the city Monday.

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